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## Potholes damaging our cars says boss

BOSSES at a used car dealership say potholes in Willenhall are costing them thousands of pounds a year in repairs and maintenance. ACF Car Finance, in Wolverhampton Road West, claims that more than 60 per cent of the vehicles it buys need pothole-related repairs before they can be resold.

Paint chips, dented wheel rims, bulging tyre walls and damage to shock absorbers and suspension systems are commonplace, according to ACF divisional operations manager Mark Jones.

He said that potholes could knock steering out of alignment and present a severe driving hazard which might only come to light in an emergency.

"Cars which are just two or three years old bear the scars of much longer life," Mr Jones added.

"Of the hundreds of vehicles we acquire each year, around six out of every ten need remedial work for damage."

"While councils slash their repair budgets, we are forced to increase funds for repairing damage of the type caused by potholes."

Councillor Ian Shires, Liberal Democrat ward member for Willenhall North, said motorists using Walsall's roads spend much of their time looking to avoid potholes and not keeping

# CRUISE HERO JUST GLAD TO SURVIVE

**A DANCER from Walsall who was working on board the stricken Costa Concordia cruise liner has told how he helped rescue terrified passengers**

By Marion Brennan

James Thomas, aged 19, acted as a human climbing frame to help other passengers into lifeboats from the huge vessel as it tilted ever further on to its side.

Six people are so far known to have died in the tragedy, while the search continues for others who are still missing from the stricken £390 million liner which ran aground in darkness off Italy's west coast.

James, now back at his family home in Whitethorn Crescent, Streetly, said: "It felt like we were in a film."

"We rehearse safety procedures every week but this was a different situation."

### Jumping

"We couldn't get the lifeboats off and the liferafts that the staff use were stuck to the side of the ship. It was frightening."

At first, the teenager tried to make light of the situation before the terrifying reality began to sink in.

"Me being me, I started doing an impression of Michael Jackson in the Smooth Criminal video where he's almost horizontal," he said.

"The ship was listing so much, our centre of gravity had completely shifted."

"Then it became more of a panic." Former Streetly School pupil James, who had left all his possessions except for his mobile phone, quickly shifted into professional mode putting the safety of others before his own.

He helped dozens of other

passengers towards the lifeboats, using his 6ft 3in frame to bridge the gap between decks three and four to help passengers clamber into the lifeboats.

He was then pulled towards a boat himself by two other passengers.

James said the drama has not put him off sailing the high seas again, but he added: "My feeling is that the same thing can't happen twice - but I'm looking to take a break from ships now and concentrate on musical work and musical theatre on dry land."

Meanwhile, James's worried parents Jayne and Mark had received a call from their middle son telling them the ship was going down.

Jayne said: "He said the ship was listing to one side and it was starting to sink, people were jumping over the side and he didn't know what to do."

"We told James not to jump, that he must try and get into a life raft."

Rescue crews have now blasted holes in the giant ship in order to gain easier access and continue the hunt for the dozens still missing.

The ship's owners have blamed the captain for last Friday's accident, saying he changed course towards the tiny island of Giglio.



James Thomas back at home in Streetly, Walsall



James, his grandad Brian, brother Daniel and mum Jayne



The holed cruise liner Costa Concordia lies on its side off the harbour at the island of Giglio, Italy

## Contract delight at waterside for Simco

BOSSES at an expanding cladding firm in Walsall were celebrating this week after securing contracts worth £2 million.

Simco External Framing Solutions has won the contracts to supply all the facades for the town's multi-million-pound Walsall Waterfront South scheme.

The company employs 40 staff at its Bloxwich base and said the contracts would help with its expansion plans.

The £65 million Waterfront South project will see more than 300 homes created in the town centre.

Managing director of Simco External Framing Solutions, Graham Smith, said: "We do a lot of work outside of Walsall so the Waterfront contracts have helped boost our presence locally."

"It's good to be able to do our work here in the town centre."

"Our profits were around £600,000 when we first started on the Leamore Lane site six years ago and are £7 to £8 million now."

The contracts were secured at a Meet the Buyer event hosted by Walsall Council.

Mr Smith added: "The new contracts gained through Meet the Buyer have helped us with our expansion plans and mean even brighter prospects for the 40 staff who work here."

## School meal price up 5p

THOUSANDS of families in Walsall are to pay more for school meals.

Council chiefs announced they will be increasing the cost of primary school dinners from £1.85 to £1.90 - a rise of 2.7 per cent - from April 1.

In Staffordshire the cost of secondary dinners is £2.20 and primaries £2.10. Prices were frozen last year but are to be reviewed in April.

## Muller buys dairy giant

BRITAIN'S biggest fresh milk supplier, Robert Wiseman Dairies, which has a branch in Willenhall, agreed to be sold to Shropshire's yoghurt giant Muller.

Bosses at Glasgow-based Wiseman said more than half of its shareholders had accepted a £279.5 million takeover offer from the German-owned firm, which is best known for popular products like Muller Corner and Muller Rice.

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# Serial shoplifter preyed on Co-ops

A SERIAL shoplifter from Walsall went on a crime spree at Co-op stores including taking a charity box.

Shaun Moore targeted stores in Willenhall and Wednesfield, swiping items he could sell in pubs, Walsall magistrates were told last week.

The 32-year-old of Marlborough Street, Bloxwich, admitted three charges of stealing goods from Co-op

stores in less than four weeks.

Mr Jason Corden-Bowen, prosecuting, said Moore stole 20 tins of salmon worth £40 from the Co-op in Wood Lane, Willenhall, on November 28.

On December 16, he entered the Co-op in Stubby Lane, Wednesfield, hiding a number of items under his coat and leaving without paying. These included salmon tins, coffee

jars and washing powder valued at a total of £57.

On the same day he went into the Lichfield Road Co-op, in Willenhall, asked for cigarettes and then when staff were not looking, took a Women's Aid charity box.

Moore told police later there was more than £11 in the box.

Mr Brij Chaudhry, defending, said his client had shown remorse for the

thefts, especially in relation to taking money earmarked for charity.

"They were committed over a relatively short period of time," he said. "Mr Moore showed a lot of remorse."

Magistrates sentenced him to four weeks in prison for each offence which was suspended for 12 months.

Moore was told to pay compensation and court costs of £85.

# Parking permits 'attract bosses'

THE introduction of permits for car parks near Walsall town centre has attracted interest from businesses, council chiefs say.

The £30 a month permits or £3 a day fees are expected to come into force at the Town Wharf and Premier business parks by the middle of next month.

Group leader for traffic management at Walsall Council, Paul Leighton, said full consultation has been carried out and all legal obligations fulfilled.

He said: "Prior to advertising the proposal to introduce permit holder parking/pay and display parking in Frederick Street, Charles Street and Brook Street car parks, representatives of the Town Wharf and Premier business parks were consulted."

"An interest in obtaining approximately 60 permits was given with one business planning to pay for their employees' individual permits."

"On the basis of the anticipated demand for permit holder parking it was determined to allow a combination of permit holder and pay and display parking on all three car parks."

# Fire tragedy OAP named

A PENSIONER who died in a house fire in Walsall has been named as Philip Bytheway.

The 82-year-old was killed when a blaze broke out at his home in Cramp Hill, Darlaston, on Friday, January 6.

An inquest into his death was opened at Walsall Manor Hospital last Friday, January 13. The fire started in a bedroom of the detached property in the early hours of the morning.

Black Country Coroner Robin Balmain adjourned the hearing for further inquiries to be carried out.

# Rag rugs day

AN ADULT "rag rugger" workshop will be held at Walsall Museum on March 1 between 12.30pm and 2.30pm. All materials are provided, and anyone interested in making rugs out of old fabrics can email [mu@walsall.gov.uk](mailto:mu@walsall.gov.uk) or call 01922 653116.

# Safety call by parents on roads near schools

HUNDREDS of people have signed petitions calling for road safety to be improved around four Willenhall schools. Two petitions containing almost 400 names were handed in to last week's full borough council meeting.

## New home for timber dwellings from plant

THE first homes to roll off the production line at a new manufacturing hub in Walsall are being used as part of a £10 million housing development.

More than 100 new homes are being built in Darlaston as part of a new development by the Accord Group. And the timber homes are being created in a former recycling site in Stephenson Avenue, Beechdale.

It is creating up to 30 new jobs for local people. The Whitworth Close development is part of a project partly funded by a £2m grant from the Homes and Communities Agency.

It is hoped the new development will help cut the number of people on waiting lists for affordable homes in the region.

Panels for the first eight new timber homes at Whitworth Close have now been delivered to the site.

They are being put into place using cranes and will be assembled to make three bedroom homes, with the first set to be completed by spring.

Alan Yates, group director of regeneration for Accord, said: "It's fantastic to welcome in the New Year by seeing the first homes."

Councillors, residents and parents want traffic reviews near the four schools in an attempt to make drivers more aware that the routes are used by children and parents. Doreen Shires, Liberal Democrat councillor for Short Heath, collected about 200 signatures.

They were of people calling for improvements to road safety around Pool Hayes Lane and Castle Drive to protect pupils attending Pool Hayes Primary and Pool Hayes Performing Arts School.

Meanwhile, Liberal Democrat councillor Ian Shires presented a 180-name petition calling for a "school zone" to be established in Cannock Road for pupils attending New Invention Junior and New Invention Infants schools.

## Major

Willenhall North ward's Councillor Shires said: "We want the council to look at what the roads are like around these areas and work on what will make drivers more aware."

"We are not necessarily saying we want specific things but we want the council to look at it and look at best practices elsewhere in the borough to see what could be done."

"It may not be that everything can be done in one go due to funding but it would be good to get a longer-term plan in place and do things as and when funding becomes available."

"Cannock Road is a major thorough-way, and it's used by lots of HGVs. Drivers don't always slow down."

## Legend of nursing honoured



Mayoress June Perry lays a wreath at the statue of Sister Dora at The Bridge

NURSING heroine Sister Dora, who dedicated her life to helping the people of Walsall after a series of disasters, was fondly remembered at an annual service

Scores of people gathered to pay tribute to Sister Dora who has a statue at The Bridge, in the town centre, in recognition of the care and compassion she showed. Her life is

marked on the Sunday before her birthday - January 16, 1832 - with a service of thanksgiving at the Crossing at St Paul's Church.

The congregation of more than 50 then gathered to lay floral tributes and join in a prayer, including The Mayor and Mayoress, Councillor Garry Perry and June Perry.

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## Prison for driver in escape bid

A CAR driver who led police on a high speed chase in Walsall has been jailed for a year.

Mehtab Ali raced through red traffic lights, drove the wrong way down roads and veered on to pavements in a desperate bid to escape, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told last week.

Drivers and pedestrians in Slaters Lane and Darlston Road were forced to swerve or leap out of the way of his Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution which also narrowly missed a bus during the 10 minute peak hour drama in Walsall, said Ms Alka Brigue, prosecuting.

The 28-year-old then executed a 180 degree spin before racing away on the wrong side of the road at 5pm on September 9 and abandoning the Mitsubishi in a school car park.

The drama started when police swooped near Slaters Lane to arrest a man suspected of removing a registration plate from a vehicle.

Ali, of Birch Road, Oldbury, was arrested not far from the abandoned car.

Ali, who had 11 previous convictions, admitted dangerous driving and was also banned from driving for two years by Judge Michael Challinor.

## Sickies toll healthier

SICKNESS absence has been cut by 10 per cent at Walsall Council since the introduction of a nurse-led reporting system last November.

Staff now have to speak directly to a nurse if phoning in sick, and bosses revealed there were over 700 fewer lost days in the first two months, compared to the previous year.

During November to December 2010, 7,425 days were lost due to sickness absence, but in the same period in 2011 there were 6,647.

## Camra returns

AN ANNUAL real ale festival which was held at a new venue last year to save cash is to return to its home at Walsall Town Hall in April.

The Real Ale and Cider Festival was held at Walsall College in 2011 after 15 years at the town hall, but Camra says the council has now offered an improved deal on the rent for 2012.



Cpl Jonathan Horne, of Walsall

# Tragedy soldiers' fund tops £1.3m

A fund set up in memory of a Walsall soldier and his comrades killed in Afghanistan has now reached the £1.3 million mark.

Afghan Heroes was launched on September 15, 2009, by eight bereaved mothers including Jane Whitehouse, mother of 27-year-old Cpl Jonathan Horne, from Walsall. The charity, which helps families of fallen soldiers, those on the front line and returning personnel, reached the million pound mark last summer and is continuing to go strong.

A mothers' prom at the Saddlers Club, in Bescot Crescent, Walsall, is being held in March to boost funds.

An annual sponsored walk at Walsall Arboretum is set to go ahead in the summer and a football tournament is due to be held later this year to raise more cash.

Staff at the RAC, in Brockhurst Crescent, where Mrs Whitehouse works as a cleaner, plan a skydive.

Mrs Whitehouse, aged 56, of Duchess Road, said: "There's

lots being planned for this year. "We are having a mothers' prom in March, there will be the usual walk at the arboretum and a football tournament. And some of the lads at RAC will also be doing a sponsored skydive."

### Careers

Cpl Horne died after an explosion in Helmand Province on July 10, 2009.

The married father of two, known as Jay, had been carrying an injured comrade. He left

behind his wife Rachel and daughters Frankie and Jessica.

Fundraising is also ongoing to create a garden in his honour at Walsall Arboretum. So far, about £6,000 out of the £10,000 needed has been raised.

The charity is also fundraising to set up its first 48-bed post-services facility for wounded soldiers.

They would be offered help to retrain into other careers. The scheme is estimated to cost £3.6m.

# Bank worker jailed for theft of £43,000 must sell her car

A WALSALL bank worker who stole almost £43,000 from elderly customers' accounts has been ordered by a judge to sell her car to claim back a fraction of her ill-gotten gains.

The £2,000 Vauxhall Zafira is the only asset debt-ridden Selina Watters has left, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

Mr Ben Williams, prosecuting, told a proceeds of crime hearing last Thursday that her home in Bradley Drive, Willenhall, was already being repossessed by creditors.

"The car is the only realisable asset that she has and it is estimated to be worth £2,000," he said.

Judge John Warner made a confiscation order for that amount and gave of the 35-year-old mother of four six months to pay, with 35 days in jail in default.

He told her: "If you do get sent away that does not extinguish your right to pay."

Watters turned to crime while working as a personal banker at Barclays in Queen Street, Wolverhampton, and Wolverhampton Street, Willenhall, between January 2009 and March 2010 and was given a 16-month sentence last year after admitting eight charges of theft.

She has since been freed on home detention and is now living under a curfew.

## Robber takes man's car

A ROBBER pounced on a man who had just parked in Walsall and stole his car.

The man was confronted at about 10.40pm last Wednesday, January 11, in Countess Street, Palfrey, and the offender took his blue VW Polo and drove off in the direction of Milton Street.

The victim did not suffer any serious injuries and declined paramedic attention.

West Midlands Police appealed for information.

## Hippo wallows in acclaim since 1972



Ellie Coney, aged nine, of Walsall, ready to mark the hippo's 40 years



Promotions girls at The Bridge for the 1985 Welcome to Walsall festival



Hippo leaping took Walsall by storm in 1979, organised by Walsall Festival

IT HAS become a talisman for Walsall and has its own 2,000-strong following on Facebook – and now the town's hippo is celebrating its 40th birthday.

It is four decades since the bizarre idea to have a concrete hippopotamus in the town centre was born.

The creature has been taken to people's hearts and is now the subject of scores of photos on Facebook.

Walsall Council is deciding whether to mark the hippo's 40th milestone.

The Mayor of Walsall Councillor Garry Perry said the hippo had become a figurehead in the town.

"I suppose many people would question after looking at the town's history what a hippo has to do with anything," he said.

### Romance

"But the hippo is a legend in Walsall and is even known beyond Walsall too."

"I recall sitting on the hippo when I was a youngster. It was also a meeting place and I'm sure many a young romance was formed near the hippo."

Mystery still surrounds the hippo. It is believed sculptor John Wood was approached by the council in March 1972 to create the animal, which now stands on The Bridge.

It was sculpted in clay at a workshop in Pinfold Street, Darlston, using a ton of material from Potters Clay, in Brownhills.

The first written reference to the 5ft long statue was in 1976 when its £500 price tag attracted criticism.

## NEWS in brief

### Soldier accused of raping girl, 15

A SOLDIER has been charged with raping a 15-year-old girl while on home leave for Christmas in Walsall.

Luke Sargent, of the 3rd Battalion The Mercian Regiment (Staffords), appeared before Walsall magistrates last week and was remanded in custody until April 2 at Wolverhampton Crown Court.

The 20-year-old, of Winterley Lane, Rushall, is accused of raping the girl in an alley off Lichfield Road on Christmas Day.

### Speeding boss avoids drive ban

A WALSALL man who runs a car adaptation firm admitted speeding, but avoided a driving ban.

Russell Vennil, of Tyndale Crescent, Great Bar, director of Sirius Automotive, based at Britannia Park, Wednesbury, drove 15mph over the limit and was fined £475.

Mr Simon Bradshaw, defending, told Sandwell magistrates last week that any ban would have a serious impact on the firm and its employees.

### £200,000 bid to remove eyesores

WALSALL Council is setting aside £200,000 a year for the demolition of redundant buildings, save rent and other costs. The authority is looking to allocate the same sum each year until at least 2015-16.

A report from finance chief Councillor Chris Towns states that demolition works to redundant council buildings would enhance marketing opportunities for sites and cut health and safety risks.

### Invitations to donate blood

BLOOD donors are invited to St James's Church, Vicarage Road, Brownhills, today (Thursday) from 1.30pm-3.30pm and from 4.30pm-7.30pm. Tomorrow (Friday), donation takes place at the Community Centre, Aldridge Hall, in Anchor Meadow, Aldridge, at the same times. Booking is strongly recommended on 0300 123 23 23.

### Chop, chop time

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## THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



**A WORRIED reader who was born in Scotland but lives in England inquires whether, if Scotland becomes independent, she will still be able to call herself British.**

**I have advised her that while I will certainly be British, she will probably have to get used to being a Pict.**

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**THE Good Childhood Report 2012 tells us that at least 500,000 British children are unhappy with their lives.**

**Last Sunday we went for a brisk stroll in the country and encountered three family groups of mother, father and children. In each case, the father was on his mobile phone.**

**You see it all the time. What ought to be a cheerful, interactive family group has one or two members who are in the group but out of the loop.**

**Children love to talk to, joke with and have the approval of their parents. Too many parents, especially fathers, seem to have no particular interest in their children, and the mobile phone is the perfect medium for ignoring them.**

**And we wonder why half a million kids are unhappy?**

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**I'VE not yet seen The Iron Lady, but I caught a radio debate on whether Meryl Streep's Thatcher has the voice of the original Tory leader or the Spitting Image puppet version.**

**In fact, on radio without the distraction of the image, Streep's Thatcher sometimes sounded more like Miss Piggy.**

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**A READER believes he has found the proof to convert us atheists. It appears in a recent report that Mark Thatcher has moved to a Caribbean island where he will rub shoulders with Cilla Black, Simon Cowell and Sir Paul McCartney.**

**"In light of this," says the reader. "How can you possibly say that hell doesn't exist?"**

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**A READER who clearly knows his baldricks from his wrist bells answers my query on why there are so many Morris dancing groups these days who black their faces. He says it reflects growing interest in the "dramatic and energetic" Border Morris style.**

**I'm not sure I am convinced, having seen a report of one Morris side which has had to cancel three bookings because people took offence at their blacked-up faces.**

**An outsider might get the impression that the blacking-up is more important than the dancing.**

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**MORE TV subtitles that don't match the spoken word:**

**\* "Swindon beat Wigan" becomes "Swindon beat Sweden."**

**\* "French-made implants" becomes "French maid in plants."**

**\* "Reporter Louise Hubble" becomes "Reporter The Wheeze Hubble."**

**Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star**

# Jobs boost and £1m for town economy

MORE than 380 jobs have been safeguarded or created, with an extra £1 million added to the Walsall economy.

The announcement was made by Walsall Council-funded Winning Opportunities in Walsall (WOW), a two year business support programme designed to help firms innovate the way they work and launch products across the world.

More than 150 local companies

have tapped into the mix of in-depth assistance and specialist development workshops to boost efficiency, cut costs and win contracts.

It has also resulted in 43 jobs being created, "heritage apples" being shown at the National Gallery, the development of a £500,000 machine for the auto sector, and aesthetically pleasing window and door products.

At the final WOW event, five Inno-

vation Change Ambassadors were appointed to carry on the legacy and ensure Walsall continues "to do things differently" - Catherine Franks (Strand Hardware), Matt Williams (Redbox Signmakers and ARK-I), Pushpa Alexander (Headzup Business), Raj Naphray (Choice Lets) and Stephen Preston (Kirkpatrick).

Roy Bayliss, project lead at WOW, said: "When we launched WOW two

years ago, we wanted to show local SMEs that innovation is much more than just about launching products and services. It's also how you treat customers, manage supply chains and take waste out of the business.

"I believe we've achieved this switch in mindset and, with the introduction of five Innovation Change Ambassadors, we should see this legacy continue."

# Concrete move to stop travellers ruining land

**A MASSIVE concrete barrier has been put in place at the entrance to a patch of land in Pelsall which has been blighted by traveller encampments over a number of years.**

## Upgrade of safety in pipeline for blackspot

IMPROVEMENTS at a busy Walsall crossroads where there have been five serious crashes in the last three years are being considered as part of a council review.

The junction of Walstead Road and Delves Green Road in Delves is on a list of local safety schemes which are being evaluated in a bid to determine where funds should be spent.

Highways chiefs want to raise the height of the junction to improve visibility and install a crossing, if and when cash is available.

Transport chief Councillor Tom Ansell said last year that there were proposals to narrow the width of the road where the two routes meet, introduce a table junction, and incorporate a new crossing.

The council says there has been no funding to implement a scheme during the current financial year. But spokesman John Charles said it was reviewing all road accidents occurring in the borough.

"As part of this process Walstead Road will be evaluated along with all other locations throughout the borough and then ranked into a local safety scheme programme planned for implementation during 2012-13, subject to funding."

The area off Walsall Road has been a hotspot for convoys of caravans, and the mess they leave behind, for more than two years.

The access point next to the bridge was blocked temporarily with a skip full of pieces of concrete while the land owner talked with the council over a permanent solution to the problem.

But the skip has now been taken away and replaced with a rectangular concrete block similar to a central reservation barrier.

Short concrete posts that were originally put in place were knocked over by an encampment wanting access to the land.

Councillor Marco Longhi said he was pleased the problem was being taken seriously, but is looking at the aesthetic aspect of the barrier.

**Permanent**  
He said: "It might be nice to have something which is more in keeping with the surrounding area of the fields, like a planter, or something that is a bit more pleasing on the eye."

"But first and foremost I'm predominantly concerned with there being a barrier there that travellers cannot simply and easily remove, and this looks like it will do the job."

"I have not had confirmation that this is a permanent barrier."

The skip was put in place in September after the most recent convoy left after knocking down the concrete post. It was the fourth time in two years the land has been targeted.

In February travellers left litter, including gas canisters and dirty nappies.

## Learning to be fitter in 2012



Learner experience officer Helen Griffiths promotes Health Week at Walsall College

Students at Walsall College have kicked started their way to a healthier 2012 as a programme of activities is held.

Health Week was designed to help students keep their New Year resolutions of staying healthy and active, with events including health checks and staff giving out free passes to the Academy Health Club.

Representatives from organisations around the borough were on hand to offer

services, advice and support about health and fitness. There was also a silent disco, a table tennis tournament, a Wii Fit challenge and healthy food stalls.

Helen Griffiths, learner experience officer at the college, said: "Health Week is a great opportunity to encourage students to stick to those New Year resolutions and increase their health and fitness levels in 2012."

# Asbestos blamed for death of joiner

A WALSALL man died just a few months after being diagnosed with mesothelioma, a court heard.

Colin Sivorn was diagnosed with the cancer, which is usually linked with exposure to asbestos, last September, and he was fitted with a chest drain.

The 73-year-old, of Mill Road, Pelsall, was brought into Walsall Manor Hospital on Christmas Day because his chest drain had come out, Walsall Coroner's Court heard last Friday.

Black Country Coroner Robin Balmain said Mr Sivorn developed fluid in his abdomen and died on January 6.

The inquest heard Mr Sivorn had worked as a carpenter and joiner.

Mr Balmain said: "We can't prove he was exposed to asbestos, but it is likely he was."

"Mesothelioma is almost always associated with asbestos exposure and he was in the trade for it."

Mr Balmain recorded a verdict of death by industrial disease.

## Acorns ball's £16k booster

SUPPORTERS of Acorns Children's Hospice in Walsall helped raise £16,500 at one of the most popular social events of the year.

The Acorns Ball is a much-loved event for dancers and music enthusiasts, and was held in November at St John's Hotel, in Solihull.

Barbara Siddle, organiser, said: "People were even more generous than usual. There were impressive auction prizes, including a lovely doll's house with furniture, and a number of giant teddies which raised much-needed funds."

David Strudley, Acorns' chief executive, said: "This was a wonderful result."

"The Acorns' Ball is a lovely family evening. Friends of Acorns come year after year."

## Police surgery

PEOPLE living in the Bentley and Darlaston areas of Walsall can air their views and concerns during a police surgery next week. Officers will be on hand to discuss issues with residents from 2pm to 4pm on Thursday, January 26, at Darlaston Library, King Street.

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## £450,000 home site a success

A NEW £450,000 complex of homes in Walsall has been given the seal of approval by residents as they settle in.

The new complex, in New Street, Rushall, has provided four two bedroom apartments and a communal garden for the over-55s.

The development has been created by Walsall Housing Group to tackle the national problem of overcrowding and under-occupancy as some residents were supported to move after deciding to downsize from larger, family houses.

Among them is great-grandmother Ivy Eccleston, aged 77, who moved from a three bedroom house in Bloxwich.

"I love my new home - it's wonderful," she said.

"I'd lived at my last house for 53 years but I started thinking about the future and what I might need as I got older.

"This place is ideal for me and I feel safe and secure.

"I needed a stair-lift before but I don't need one here. It's well-insulated, warm and convenient - it's not far to the doctors and the bus stop is only a few yards away. I'm very happy here."

The homes were built by Bullock Construction on the site of outdated bed sits.

## Fine of £200 for till thief

A MAN who broke into a fitness centre in Walsall Wood and stole a till drawer worth £50 has been ordered to pay £500.

Paul Fraser smashed a door glass panel to get into Fitness First, in Lichfield Road, in the early hours of September 26.

Fraser, aged 43, of Catshill Road, Brownhills, who caused around £200 worth of damage, admitted burglary when he appeared before Walsall magistrates last week.

He was traced through fingerprint evidence and traces of blood.

Magistrates fined him £200 and ordered him to pay £200 compensation.

## Making tracks

A TOY and train collectors fair is being held at a leisure centre in Walsall.

The Walsall Wood Toy & Train Collectors Fair will be at Oak Park Leisure Centre, Lichfield Road, on Sunday, January 29 at 10.30am to 3pm.

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# Homes bid a lifeline for old school's Victorian frontage

AN EMPTY Willenhall school which was plundered by metal thieves is poised to go up for sale and looks set to be turned into housing, while preserving its Victorian frontage.

by Catherine Dalton

A development brief has been drawn up for the former Little London School site, in Stafford Street. It reveals that Walsall Council would look at proposals to transform it with around 31 new homes.

But it also confirms that councillors want to see the Victorian aspect of the old school building retained.

Consultation has this week been taking place with local businesses and residents and the site will be marketed in a "closed bid" process for eight-12 weeks.

## Occupied

The development brief says: "The site could support at least 31 dwellings, subject to design."

"Any development must preserve or enhance the character and appearance of the conservation area."

"The conversion should be done sensitively with minimal alterations to the external shell of the building."

"In this context, the Victorian school building should be retained and converted to

a suitable residential use."

The two-acre site consists of the locally-listed L shaped Victorian school building as well as a mixture of period and prefabricated buildings.

Last November, thieves broke into the redbrick tower of the building and stole the bell.

Townfolk had expressed fears that the structure might be bulldozed along with the rest of the building, but council chiefs said historic parts of the building would be preserved.

Stan Taylor, chairman of the Willenhall Heritage Trust said last week that the site ought to become a focal point of entry to the centre of the town.

Little London School closed when it merged with Clothier Street and Lake-side schools on a new site in Noose Lane, Willenhall.

Rooms were then occupied by the Willenhall school of Hope charity until October when vandal attacks forced it out.

## Up, up and away at academy launch



Lift-off for Mirus Academy at Walsall following the link-up of Frank F Harrison College and Hatherton Primary

YSTUDENTS and staff at two Walsall schools are celebrating the opening of their combined new academy.

The Mirus Academy was kick-started with a 200-balloon launch last week, with each balloon carrying a personal message from the youngsters

about their dreams for the future.

The academy is the bringing-together of Hatherton Primary School and Frank F Harrison Engineering College, forming the first all-through academy in the Black Country, and is sponsored by Walsall College.

Mirus principal Jacqui Grace said:

"It is a wonderfully exciting challenge. Through our specialism of creative industries, we offer a dynamic approach to learning, the curriculum and inspire everyone in our community."

## Birds spotted on walk along canal

THE Birdwatch group based at a community centre in Bloxwich saw 32 species of birds on its latest outing. The group, which meets at the Stan Ball Centre, Abbots Street, walked along a canal towards Pelsall.

Species spotted including robin, magpie, collared dove, wren, coot, blackbird, dunnock, Canada goose, song thrush and great tit. The next walk starts from the centre on February 14 at 10.45am. Details on 01922 403351.

## Parks success as they pull in 21m

MORE than 21 million visits were made to parks and green spaces in Walsall last year, with record numbers of people attending community events and activities throughout the year.

Council chiefs said figures showed it had been a successful year for the borough's parks.

Leisure boss Anthony Harris said: "The visitor figures, obtained from electronic counters and our comprehensive analysis of user surveys, are really something to shout about."

## Extension plan for pub beer garden

A PUB in Aldridge has submitted plans to extend its beer garden including new play facilities.

The Old Irish Harp, Chester Road wants to add garden furniture and play equipment to the site.

The application has been submitted to Walsall Council and a decision will be made under delegated powers or before the planning committee.

## Green light for pizza takeaway

A TAKEAWAY is to open in a derelict shop in Willenhall after the plans were approved by Walsall Council.

The pizza outlet in St Annes Road will create several jobs. The council said it will provide a local need and will not impact on nearby residents.

## Date for concert

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# Labour will be just as bloated

ON DECEMBER 9, the Conservative-run Walsall Council, quite rightly, was forced to "back off" from forwarding a resolution to give huge pay rises to its senior councillors.

As one Tory after another wriggled to distance themselves from the so-called "independent" panel's recommendations, one senior cabinet member actually blamed the local press!

The independent panel made similar recommendations towards the end of 2010 and, after public outcry, the Conservatives decided to take no action once they realised they could not get it

voted through full council. So it is amazing why the same recommendations, almost, were even allowed to appear on a council agenda so soon.

What was worrying about the debate was that Labour, Liberal and Conservative councillors seemed to be as one in saying the pay rises would be unacceptable "at the moment" ... as if to leave the door open to revisit the question. This, too, is unacceptable.

The council no longer effectively controls education, housing stock was transferred to WHG, street lighting was sold off to a private company, high-

ways maintenance has been contracted out, social services care and residential homes are almost a thing of the past.

Just what do these cabinet members and chairs of scrutiny panels do for the extra money they get?

Even if Labour in Walsall does take control following the May elections, senior Labour councillors rather than Tories will receive bloated allowances to continue the cuts in public services and further privatisation of services.

**PETE SMITH**  
former Blakenall councillor  
Walsall

## LETTERS to the Editor

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## No complaint about 8pc insurance rise

WITH regard to recent letters concerning the increase in car insurance I would like to point out that not all insurance companies are rip-offs. Some drivers, like myself, are happy with their company and premiums.

I have been with my present Insurers, Liverpool Victoria, for longer than I can remember. In January 2011 my renewal premium, including road rescue, was £351.61 for a new Kia 1399cc saloon. This was fully comprehensive, protected no claims bonus and usual glass cover. I admit to having £100 excess on the policy and it is owner driver only.

During the year I had been warned by drivers "in the know" that all premiums were going up this year by about 25 per cent, and because I am now in my 71st year I will probably be "priced off the roads."

I have just received my annual invitation to renew the policy for the sum of £381.20, an increase of around eight per cent. So much for the doom and gloom merchants.

Recent contributors complain of being ripped off, or their premiums going up by £400, but do not say what size of vehicle they drive, how many drivers are covered or if any are below a certain age. There is still good value for money car insurance, for the social, domestic and pleasure drivers available - even for drivers like myself, at the wrong end of the age spectrum.

**RAY SUMMERFIELD**  
Greenwood Road  
Walsall

## Cut off the supply if they don't pay bills

I ACTUALLY go to work to provide for my children and to pay my own bills, obviously including the water bill.

So why should I be paying those who take the government for granted and expect the rest of us to pay for them, including the dole?

I in fact have a better suggestion for these people.

Cut their water off as the gas and electricity boards would, and show them up to the rest of the world and their neighbours by putting a water bowser in the middle of the street and then making them fetch their water from it.

This way the water company have shut off their supply but are also still providing them with water.

How very embarrassing for these people to be shown exactly who is and who isn't paying for their water.

Come on, water boards, do something about it and stop letting them take advantage of you and us.

**KERRY WRIGHT,**  
Rouche Way  
Walsall

## Thanks to generous Willenhall shoppers

THROUGHOUT December and early January, members of the Rotary Club of Willenhall held collections at Hooty's store in Willenhall and at the Boundary Mill store at Bentley.

During most of December a Tree of Light was displayed at Morrisons in Willenhall to enable people to remember loved ones at this special time of year.

All the members of Rotary would like to convey our sincere thanks to all those people who donated in these collections during the Christmas period, as a result of which £2,356 was raised.

The main beneficiaries will be the Air Ambulance and Diabetes UK as well as some charities in Willenhall.

We also thank management and staff of Hooty's, Boundary Mill and Morrisons for providing the excellent facilities to enable us to carry out collections.

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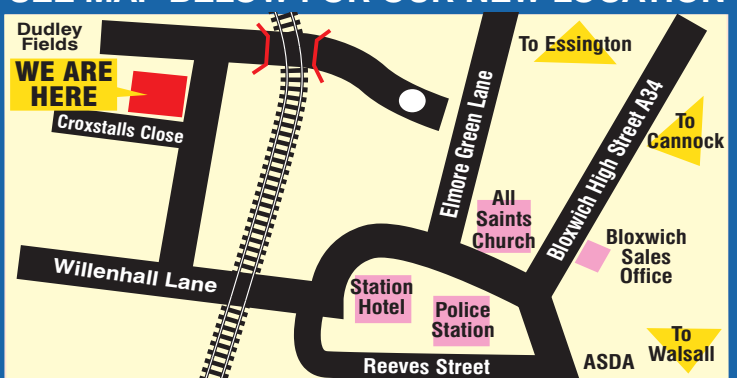
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## Library books artist Paul



Children's illustrator Paul Geraghty opens the library

YOUNGSTERS had the chance to meet a book illustrator at a Walsall school as he opened their new library.

Paul Geraghty, who has written and illustrated 20 books over the last 25 years, cut the ribbon to unveil the library at Bentley Drive Primary School.

The South-African-born 52-year-old spent the day at the school and held workshops to show the pupils how he goes about putting an illustration together, and where he gets his inspiration from.

Assistant head Helen Cole said: "They were enthralled and Mr Geraghty was excellent, he really knows how to keep them interested. He was very funny as well. They were absolutely delighted with the library. We had cries of joy when they saw it."

## Camra happy as pubs hunt for new bosses

THREE pubs in Walsall are looking for new bosses. Marston's is advertising for tenants to take on The Sneyd in Vernon Way, Bloxwich, The Queens in Norton Road, Pelsall, and The Homestead in Stroud Avenue, Willenhall.

by Hannah Webster

The Sneyd is also set to undergo a refurbishment, and the chain said it is looking to boost trade at all the community businesses.

In contrast, other pubs in the Black Country, including the British Oak, in John Street, Walsall, have been put up for sale by Birmingham-based Penn Street Taverns.

### Stronger

Other pub premises have been advertised as potential development sites by Paramount Investment & Development Brokerage.

Keith Watkins, secretary of the Walsall Campaign for Real Ale, said he was happy that something was being done in the town to preserve

the three pubs and to ensure they survive and flourish as sustainable businesses.

"We're all in favour of anything that will help the pubs trade and we are delighted to see a company promoting the pubs in the community in Walsall," he added.

In the literature advertising The Sneyd, Marston's said: "The pub is currently trading at £2,000 per week, driven by a small food trade and a healthy community offer."

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## Robinsons cordial



Here's to you, Mrs Robinson - Ken toasts wife Doreen as the couple celebrate 60 happy years of marriage

A WOMAN who met the love of her life when he took a chip from her in Darlaston says it was love at first sight. Now Doreen Robinson, aged 79, and husband Ken, 78, are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary.

Doreen said: "A hand came over my shoulder and took a chip. I didn't know him at all at the time, but it was love at first sight - as soon as I saw him I knew. This was in the August, and we married the following January."

The couple wed on January 11, 1951, at Wednesbury register office. Ken had four years of national service in Heford and south Wales, where the couple moved into married living quarters, before they moved back to the Black Country. They now live in Morris Avenue, Bentley.

They have six children, 10 grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Ken is a retired college lecturer, and Doreen worked part-time as a cleaner.

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# Dim street lamps may trim £4.4m annual bill

STREET lights could be dimmed at night in Walsall to save cash. Councillors are looking to cut the £4.4 million annual bill on electricity and maintenance.

Council leader Mike Bird said options were being looked at for the borough's 25,000 street lights.

"We are looking at how we can save on energy and one option is dimming street lights," he said.

"We have a very flexible contract with the energy provider.

"Because of this we have got some magnificent savings."

Walsall Council turned down the lights in Aldridge Road between the Dilke island and the Peugeot islands on the A453 between midnight and 5am in 2010.

The move was reversed after a month because the savings were not significant enough to continue.

It is also planned to dim or switched off street lights overnight in Staffordshire.

Staffordshire County Council has resisted the move until now, but wants to cut its £9m annual bill.

## Parking at Sikh temple 'adequate'

PARKING space will be available following the transformation of an empty warehouse in Walsall into a Sikh temple and community centre, council chiefs say.

Work has started to convert the derelict unit in Rollingmill Street, Pleck, after it was granted planning permission last month.

There were fears the 47 car parking spaces would not be enough for all who would attend the complex, a claim denied by head of planning David Elsworth.

He said: "It is considered that there is suitable and available parking on site and in the area to meet the needs of the development."

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# London – capital place to visit but ditch the car

LONDON is a capital place to visit but there's one thing you don't want to take with you – the car.

Driving along those busy streets is no fun so let the coach do the work while you sit back and enjoy the sights – and there's plenty of them. With all the special coach deals around a theatre break including the return journey, time for shopping and a show can work out just a few pounds dearer than the normal cost of the theatre ticket and what a way to beat those post Christmas blues.

Like so many people I am not used to being without the four wheels but I must say going by coach made a wonderful change and probably saved a fortune on petrol costs.

We stayed at the handily-placed Hilton Metropole in Edgware Road within walking distance of Marylebone rail station and tube and not too far from the shopping mecca, Oxford Street. As well as a ground floor lounge bar the four-star hotel has a beautiful bar on the 25th floor with fantastic views over the city.

## Cruise

You could visit London numerous times and never run out of places to see. Hop back on to the coach and head off to the Houses of Parliament. A visit to the Commons is fascinating and you can see where your MP spends his or her time. It does look surprisingly smaller than when you see it on the TV.

Most trips will allow you some spare time for sightseeing or shopping or stopping for a bite to eat or a coffee.

Instead of just going out for a meal why not combine it with a cruise down the Thames. City Cruises' showboats offer the best of all worlds, three-course meal and entertainment that wouldn't be out of place in a top show. The benefit of being

## Relax on a coach and see the sights without having to battle the traffic

on the coach means that you can have a guided tour, pointing out all the best sights and the courier can give you the history and stories about them, the sort of tit bits that you may not be able to read on any website or in a travel guide.

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## Jewels

Next day off to the Tower of London and a glimpse of those famous crown jewels and a chance to discover the history of a royal palace, an armoury and a powerful fortress.

And for a jewel in the London pub scene check out the historic Anchor pub by the river in Southwark. A timbered pub, it may look small from the outside but it is a maze of rooms.

On to Greenwich, the place to be this year with the Olympics as the equestrian events will be held there. There is a special clock at the Royal Observatory counting down the days to the start of the Olympics. Walk across to the National Maritime museum and the World Heritage site.

And while you are in London this is a MUST. Make sure you book into one of the many fantastic shows that are on offer at the array of theatres. London remains one of the most popular destinations for coach tours and if you are wanting to book a show this is probably one of the most cost-effective ways to combine a tour with shopping and a show.

As the coach firm can normally book up

show tickets at discount prices and sort out hotel deals, it can work out far more affordable to do it this way then book separately and have to sort out and pay for your travel and overnight stay if you plan to make a weekend of it.

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Make time for a trip to the Tower of London where you can marvel at the Crown Jewels and (below) the Royal Observatory at Greenwich which is now on countdown for the Olympics



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# Townswomen in briefs encounter



Left, Sandra Paget and Floss Dickinson displaying undies for sale at the January meeting and, right, Floss Dickinson auctioning items, assisted by Julia Willett

THE January meeting at the Memorial Hall was well attended, with 33 members, and we were pleased to welcome two visitors, Val Woolley and Kate Jergen.

The committee reported on some of our activities. Pauline organised a Christmas lunch at the Chase Inn which was very good and attended by 15 guild members.

Karen Da Casto arranged a trip to the Pantomime at the Grand Theatre Wolverhampton to see Snow White. Everyone enjoyed this show, particularly the fun of the Grumbleweeds.

On February 13 the speaker will be Jim Wall, from Bloxwich Metal Detecting Club.

## BROWNHILLS TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

To celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of the Queen in June our meeting takes the form of a street party as realistic as we can make it.

After a cuppa and a chat we held an auction run by Floss Dickinson. This created much hilarity with some cheeky 25p bids and Floss's undoubted jocular selling approach. A healthy £90-plus was raised for guild funds.

## thechronicle

### Christmas cabaret a cracker

#### STOURTON WI

AT OUR December meeting, members entertained the committee with a Christmas cabaret evening.

During a short business meeting hot punch and savouries were served followed by games and entertainment including musical hats (with some cheating), Christmas poems and a ballet showing the dance skills of six brave members.

The grumpy old women sketch made us laugh as it was so true to life.

The evening ended with mince pies and tea and we all sang carols with Jane at the piano.

On January 4, our president, Gill Elwell, hosted a coffee morning and a table of bring and buy gifts. A fine start to the New Year.

### Carols and great prizes

#### CHASETOWN WI

THE last meeting of 2011 was our Christmas party, held in the Old Mining College, and we all provided festive refreshment.

Jayne, our treasurer had made up a truly splendid raffle. There were many prizes, the star prize being a Christmas hamper. After eating as much as we could manage we sang carols.

We missed our usual Christmas keyboard player, Terry, he was unable to be with us due to ill health.

# Aid trust's moving photos

JANUARY 9's meeting was opened by our chairwoman, Mrs Doreen Archer, who wished everyone a Happy New Year.

The speakers were from International Aid Trust who have charity shops in our area. Moving "before and after" photographs showed the many projects funded by the shops. These included orphanages and hospitals mostly in eastern Europe.

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the UK. Practical assistance is given to things like women's refugees, single parents, the homeless and youth work.

The members were also shown pictures of children's happy faces as they opened their shoebox parcels donated in this country. The boxes had been transported

in the charity's own lorries driven by volunteers.

The next outing will be to The Grand Theatre on February 8 to see Sister Act.

On February 15, the lunch club meal will be at Taylors, in Cannock. The lunch club is meeting a week early this month because some members are at a Hear our Voice conference in Coventry on February 22 with the topic of "caring for the elderly in hospitals".

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A view of the Wigmore building was designed by S E Bindley of Birmingham and opened back in 1872



A photograph taken of staff who worked at Wigmore school, Pennyhill Lane, West Bromwich, around 1920



S E Bindley's plans for the building in West Bromwich

# Lessons from Wigmore as the pauper school

**THE Walsall and West Bromwich School District was set up in 1869 to provide a school for pauper children, aged four to 14.**

It opened in 1872 and was deliberately located at a distance from the adult workhouse, and also in open country at Penny Hill Lane, Wigmore, to the north of West Bromwich.

Boys were taught industrial or agricultural trades in preparation for apprenticeships, while girls were trained for work as domestic servants or in factories.

The building was designed by S E Bindley of Birmingham, to accommodate 400 children.

The plan shows how boys and girls were strictly segregated.

The photograph shows the forbidding and institutional appearance of



by Richard Slaughter

the building, but the institution had a reputation for being run benignly by contemporary standards.

Classrooms and workrooms were situated on the ground floor with dormitories above. Curiously one large room served as both a dining room and a chapel – perhaps the authorities hoped that eating in the chapel would put the fear of God into the children and make them truly grateful for what they were about to receive. The gardens outside the front of the building were used to grow vegetables.

In the 1930s, many disputes took place between West Bromwich and Walsall Councils over the running

costs and allocation of places at Wigmore. The costs were broadly divided up on a basis of two thirds for West Bromwich and one third Walsall.

Wigmore closed as a pauper school in 1935 and the building later became a borsal. In the 1950s it became offices for the Inland Revenue. In 1966 West Bromwich Council took the building over for its Technical Services Division.

They relocated in 1998, and the main buildings were demolished in 2002, although the entrance and stable blocks at the south of the site still survive.

This article was provided by Richard Slaughter who is a local studies librarian at Sandwell Council which can be found at the Community History & Archives Service, Smethwick Library, High Street, Smethwick.



A photo of the building just before it was due to be demolished



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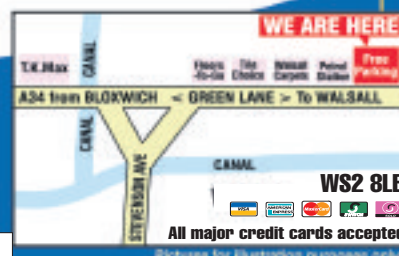
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# Mat'll do nicely as karate kids land top trophy haul

**THE Elite Shotokan Karate Club based in Essington has done itself proud by grabbing a clutch of gold, silver and bronze.**

Students from the club competed at the MSKF British Championships last month in Stoke-on-Trent.

Charlie Harris aged six, from Great Wyrley, won gold in kata (forms) and gold in kumite (fighting) in his age categories, as did 11-year-old Jack Harris, also from Great Wyrley.

Daniel Chew, from Essington, won a full set - gold in kata, silver in team kata and bronze in kumite.

Jake Cartridge, aged 10, of Willenhall, won his kumite class and Joshua Devey, 12, took gold in kata.

Other gold medal winners were Owen Cartridge, aged 14, from Willenhall, John Hill, 54, of Great Wyrley, Richard Hill, 26, of Great Wyrley, and Mike Carr, aged



Glittering prizes as Elite Shotokan Karate Club members display their trophies

24, of Hednesford.

"This is a fantastic achievement for the club and really proves that the students are developing into superb competitors," said

chief instructor David Hill.

Club members train at the Essington Community Centre, in Hobnack Road, on Wednesdays from 5.30pm-7pm, and on

Fridays from 5pm to 6.30pm.

Anyone interested in joining can come along to the club or call Mr Hill on 0785 490 8735.

## Open day at college for course info

WALSALL College hosts an open day this Saturday (21) for prospective students to obtain information on courses and speak to tutors.

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The mother of three had the brain

wave for her business after putting bags of ingredients together to encourage her friends to cook. Now she's at the helm of a food firm attracting interest from all over the country.

The kits, except the fish and korma varieties, score zero points on the

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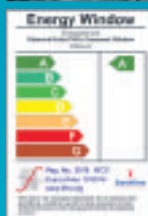
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# Metal theft fears lead father to install CCTV



James Sargent in his garden near the M6

A WALSALL father has installed CCTV at his family's home as metal thieves continually prey on the nearby M6. James Sargent has spent £1,000 following concerns over thieves using his garden as an escape route and possibly striking at his property alongside the motorway.

The road has been hit by metal thefts which has seen the fourth lane unable to open for days because of damaged signals.

Mr Sargent lives with his wife Tracey and three-year-old daughter Francesca in Crompton Close, which backs on to the M6.

He said he has seen thieves on numerous occasions, and they damage his conifer trees by climbing over fencing to escape with valuable copper.

Mr Sargent has installed four cameras around his property, fearing his home could be targeted.

The 39-year-old signalling engineer said: "They chuck it over the fence right in front of my property."

"It puts you on edge and makes you think if they are coming out to pinch cable, and can't get it, they will be attracted to my property."

A 6ft fence was installed down

by Craig Hughes

the embankment, but Mr Sargent wants the Highways Agency to double its height.

Chief Insp Carl Flynn, manager of the Central Motorway Police Group, said: "People have gained access to the motorway, or areas alongside, to tamper with cabling."

"It is a serious arrestable offence and could place lives at risk by affecting overhead signage and lighting on the motorway."

"Six people are currently on bail in connection with an inquiry where suspicious activity was reported alongside the M6 near junction 10 last month."

Highways Agency spokeswoman Jo Carroll said: "We take the Sargents' concerns seriously and a representative from our contractors met with them in December."

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## Wii have ways of slimming



Newly-slim Deb Rose with younger daughter Summer Rose, aged two



Deb in 2009 with baby Summer Rose

WHEN Deb Rose stepped on the Wii Fit she was hoping to join in fun with her family in Walsall.

But the mother of two was horrified when the machine told her that at 22st 6lb and a size 28, that it could not cope with her weight. The 33-year-old's computerised mii character even exploded on screen.

After years of battling the bulge, it was the stark wake-up call Deb needed and forced her into shedding just under nine stone in two years.

Deb, who lives in Brownhills and has two daughters, Alana, eight, and Summer, two, said: "I was so miserable, but didn't realise how sad I was until I look back at that time."

"We bought my eldest daughter Alana a Wii Fit for Christmas, but when I got on it the game made my character explode before we could even start."

### Checkout

"I was stunned when it said that I was too heavy for it."

Deb, who works on the checkout at Asda in Cannock and is married to Tim, joined Weight Watchers at the Park View Centre in Brownhills in January 2010.

She swapped her unhealthy diet of biscuits, crisps, and curries for fruit, cereals and low-fat meals, and hasn't looked back since.

"I'm still keen to lose more weight and it would be wonderful to get to my goal of 11st 10lb this year."

And she's back on the Wii Fit having fun with her daughters.

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Maria Gilling, principal of WACC, pictured with members from the new Learning Partnership

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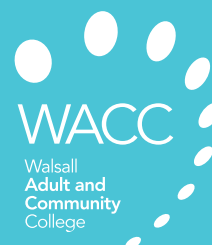
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# Return of elderly Mini to its former glory is a maxi task



Stuart Birks inspects the Mini interior at DCM Classic Car Restoration

MOST mechanics and vintage car restorers can carry out their work without too much scrutiny. But family-run business Derek's Mini Centre in Willenhall is working on a project they know will be observed by an expert.

The Ashmore Lake Way workshop is in the process of restoring a speedwell blue 1959 Mini for former Top Gear presenter Quentin Willson.

The business, run by Derek Birks, aged 65, and his twin sons, Stuart and Andrew, 35, has been chosen by the television motoring aficionado to restore the Mini to perfect condition.

### Standard

Stuart said: "Quentin is a friend of a friend through a parts shop."

"He knows of our work and it sort of arose from that, and we are well-known for doing a good job."

"He came down and

by Catherine Dalton

looked at what we do and he was happy."

"He bought the Mini off ebay, and it's a basket case - we have changed every panel we can think of."

"It's an awful lot of work that's going into it and he has left us to it."

Stuart said eight weeks of work had been done on the bodywork and engine, and the shell of the car would soon be acid-dipped to get rid of remaining rust and strip the paint.

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The rusty 1959 Mini before restoration work started

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# Natalie's paintings on sale to aid fund

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Natalie, aged 49, of Bloxwich, is devoting more time to painting in acrylics and to drawing now that her two daughters are grown-up, but she also works full time as a stocktaker.

The exhibition, featuring portraits and wildlife, is featured in the cafe at The Crossing at St Paul's, in Darwall Street, Walsall, until February 4. Half the proceeds of any sales will go to Cancer Research, Natalie said.

# Pensioner at M&S finds large sum of cash missing

CASH was stolen from an elderly woman's bag while she shopped at a store in Walsall town centre. The 81-year-old victim had visited a bank to withdraw a large sum.

She then went to the Marks & Spencer store, in Park Street, when it is thought the thieves struck. Police believe the pensioner may have been followed from the bank into the store.

Thieves struck between 12.30pm and 12.50pm on Thursday, January 5, and officers have now released CCTV images of three women they wish to speak to in connection with the offence.

All three of the women on the CCTV footage are described as eastern European.

The first woman was wearing a grey jacket, grey scarf and woolly hat, black trousers and was about 40 years old.

### Shoulders

The other two women are described as being in their late teens to early 20s.

One was wearing a padded camel-coloured jacket with brown shoulders, a beige head scarf and dark trousers.

The other was also wearing a camel-coloured jacket with fur collar, grey head scarf, long blue skirt and boots.

Anyone with information about the offence is urged to call Acting Sgt Stacey Paterson or PCSO Sarah Mantle at Walsall police station on the non-emergency number, 101.

CCTV of the three women

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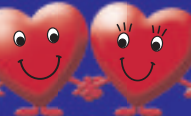
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**6.00** Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Nigel Slater's Simple Suppers. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** Live Snooker: The Masters. The opening semi-final. **4.30** Final Score. **5.15** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.35** Winter Wipeout.

**6.35** **The Magicians.** Great British Bake Off presenter Mel Giedroyc, former world heavyweight boxing champion David Haye and Got to Dance judge Kimberly Wyatt join the professionals.

**7.50** **The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins.** Nick Knowles presents the game show in which two pairs of complete strangers team up, each battling to outdo the other by listing as much as they know about a given subject.

**8.40** **Casualty.** Linda's sister turns up in the ED, on the run from social services and desperate for a place to stay, while Lloyd's actions put a patient in danger.

**9.30** **Live at the Apollo.** Jack Whitehall hosts the stand-up show. Last in the series.

**10.00** **BBC News; Weather.** Including highlights of Queens Park Rangers v Wigan Athletic; National Lottery Update.

**11.45** **The Football League Show.** Highlights of today's games in the Championship, League One and League Two.

**1.00** Weatherview. **1.05** BBC News.

**6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.00** Film: Whale Rider. (2002) Drama, starring Keisha Castle-Hughes. **1.35** Film: Fire Down Below. (1957) Romantic drama, with Rita Hayworth, Robert Mitchum, Jack Lemmon and Bonar Colleano. **3.30** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.30** Live Snooker: The Masters. The opening semi-final. **5.30** Pappano's Essential Tosca. (R)



**6.30** **Flog It!** Charlie Ross and Elizabeth Talbot appraise collectibles at Ely Cathedral in Cambridgeshire, while Paul Martin explores the building's history. (R)

**7.30** **Dad's Army.** A major decides Corporal Jones is too old to be in the Home Guard unless he can complete an assault course. (R)

**8.00** **Live Snooker: The Masters.** The second semi-final. Further coverage from Alexandra Palace, where the line-up for the final of the non-ranking tournament is decided.

**10.30** **FILM: Doubt.** (2008) Premiere. A disciplinary nun at a Catholic school suspects a charismatic priest of behaving inappropriately with a student. Drama, with Meryl Streep.

**12.10** Snooker Extra. **2.10** Close.

**6.00** CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** ITV News. **9.35** Film: Richie Rich. (1994) Family comedy, starring Macaulay Culkin. **11.25** This Morning: Saturday. **12.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **1.30** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **2.30** ITV News; Weather. **2.45** Animals Do the Funniest Things. (R) **3.45** Film: Jurassic Park III. (2001) Action adventure sequel, starring Sam Neill. **5.30** Regional Programmes. **5.45** ITV News; Weather.

**6.00** **New You've Been Framed!** Harry Hill narrates camcorder calamities.

**6.30** **Harry Hill's TV Burp.** **7.00** **Take Me Out.** A personal trainer, a football freestyler, a student and a mobile-phone salesman take part.

**8.15** **The Talent Show Story.** The changing role of the talent-show host.

**9.15** **The Jonathan Ross Show.** With Daniel Radcliffe, Noel Felling, David Attenborough and Seal.



**10.15** **ITV News; Weather.** **10.30** **Celebrity Juice.** With Oily Murs and Caroline Flack.

**11.15** **FILM: Inside I'm Dancing.** (2004) Drama, with James McAvoy.

**1.05** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **3.05** In Plain Sight. **3.50** ITV News; Weather. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

**6.05** Sali Mali. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Freesports on 4. (R) **7.25** GT Academy. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** T4: Everyone's Talking About - Top 10. **9.25** T4: Live and Lost: Chipmunk. (R) **9.55** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.25** T4: Desperate Scousewives. **11.25** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **11.55** T4: New Girl. (R) **12.25** T4: Playing It Straight. **1.25** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **4.20** Channel 4 Presents - Will Bayley 2012. (R) **4.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.30** Channel 4 News.

**6.00** **4thought.tv.** A woman explains her approval of China's population-control policy.

**6.05** **FILM: Fame.** (2009) Musical remake, with Kay Panabaker, Natari Naughton and Kherington Payne



**8.15** **The Million Pound Drop Live.** Quiz show, presented by Davina McCall.

**9.50** **FILM: Transporter 2.** (2005) Action thriller sequel, starring Jason Statham and Alessandro Gassman.

**11.30** **FILM: The Abyss.** (1989) Sci-fi thriller, with Ed Harris.

**2.05** The Island. (R) **2.20** Abductees. (R) **2.35** St Elsewhere. (R) **3.25** 90210. (R) **4.05** Force of Nature. (R) **4.30** Lost Buildings of Britain. (R) **5.25** Countdown. (R)

**6.00** Milkshake! **10.00** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **10.20** It's All About Amy. (R) **11.20** Celebrity Big Brother: The Eviction. (R) **12.20** Celebrity Big Brother: The Eviction. (R) **12.50** Film: Along Came Polly. (2004) Romantic comedy, starring Ben Stiller and Jennifer Aniston. **2.30** Film: 55 Days at Peking. (1963) Fact-based period drama, starring Charlton Heston. **5.30** Film: Joe Kidd. (1972) Western, starring Clint Eastwood.

**7.10** **5 News Weekend.** **7.15** **NCIS.** Gibbs revisits his home town to investigate an assault that left one Marine dead and another badly injured - and enlists the help of his estranged father to identify the assailant. (R)

**8.15** **Celebrity Big Brother.** A round-up of Friday's action from the star-studded bungalow, including another celebrity packing their suitcase and returning to their normal lives away from 24-hour scrutiny.

**9.15** **FILM: Made of Honor.** (2008) Romantic comedy, starring Patrick Dempsey, Michelle Monaghan, Kevin McKidd and Kadeem Hardison.

**11.10** **Celebrity Wedding Planner.** With former Apprentice contestants Rael Haywood and Stuart Baggs. (R)

**12.10** **SuperCasino.** **4.00** Great Artists. (R) **4.25** Divine Designs. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

**ITV2** **3.35** American Idol **6.25** Film: The Borrowers. (1997) Children's fantasy, starring John Goodman, Jim Broadbent, Celia Imrie, Flora Newbigin and Tom Felton. Including FYI Daily. **8.15** Take Me Out - The Gossip **9.00** Film: Notting Hill (1999) **11.25** Film: Analyze This. (1999) Comedy, with Robert De Niro, Billy Crystal, Lisa Kudrow, Chazz Palminteri and Joe Viterelli. Including FYI Daily.

**ITV3** **2.45** Bertie and Elizabeth **4.45** A Touch of Frost **7.00** Rosemary & Thyme **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Foyle's War **11.00** Walls and Edward

**ITV4** **3.15** Film: Licence to Kill (1989) **5.55** Film: Where Eagles Dare (1969) **9.00** All: Still the Greatest **10.00** Film: When We Were Kings. (1996) Oscar-winning documentary, by Leon Gast. **11.50** Film: American HistoryX. (1998) Drama, starring Edward Norton.

**BBC THREE** **7.00** Top Gear. Michael Sheen is the Star in a Reasonably Priced Car. **8.00** Sherlock. **9.30** Film: Enemy of the State (1998) **11.35** Family Guy

**BBC FOUR** **7.00** Amazon: Unnatural Histories **8.00** Shock and Awe: The Story of Electricity **9.00** Borgen **11.00** Top of the Pops: 1977 **11.35** Word Up! - Black American Pop at the BBC

**E4** **1.25** Hollyoaks **4.00** Desperate Scousewives **5.05** Scrubs **6.05** The Big Bang Theory **7.05** Happy Endings **7.35** How I Met Your Mother **8.00** Rules of Engagement **8.35** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Film: Beverly Hills Cop (1984) **11.10** The Big Bang Theory

**FILM4** **2.50** Paths of Glory (1957) **4.35** Hope Floats (1998) **6.50** Rat Race (2001) **9.00** Role Models (2008) Comedy, starring Paul Rudd and Seann William Scott. **11.00** 44 Inch Chest (2009)

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## BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 7.30 Match of the Day. (R) 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 The Big Questions. 11.00 Country Tracks: Weather for the Week Ahead. 12.00 Sunday Politics. 1.00 EastEnders. 2.55 The Royal Bodyguard. (R) 3.25 Escape to the Country. 4.25 Songs of Praise. 5.00 Regional Programmes. 5.30 Antiques Roadshow. (R)

6.30 BBC News: Regional News; Weather.

7.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker takes a walk through the Wye Valley. Ellie Harrison learns of a local restoration project, and John Craven investigates the controversy surrounding veal.

8.00 Call the Midwife. Miranda Hart joins the cast as clumsy new midwife Chummy. Jessica Raine and Amy McAllister co-star in the period medical drama.

9.00 Birdsong. First of a two-part drama adapted from Sebastian Faulks' novel. A man begins an affair with a married woman in pre-First World War France.

10.25 BBC News: Regional News; Weather.

10.50 Match of the Day 2. Including highlights of Arsenal v Manchester United.

11.55 Room 101 - Extra Storage. Frank Skinner hosts a revamped version of the show.

12.35 Weatherview. 12.40 Sign Zone. Film 2012 with Claudia Winkelman. (R) 1.20 Holly City. (R) 2.20 Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) 3.05 Celebrity Antiques Road Trip. (R) 4.05 BBC News.

## BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 10.00 Something for the Weekend. 11.30 Film: The High and the Mighty. (1954) Disaster thriller, starring John Wayne. 1.50 Live Snooker: The Masters. 4.45 Ski Sunday. 5.30 Porridge. (R)

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6.00 The Last Explorers. New series. Neil Oliver examines the feats of four Scottish adventurers who helped to shape the modern world with their discoveries and ideas, beginning with David Livingstone.

7.00 The Many Faces of Les Dawson. Profile of the Manchester-born comedian. (R)

8.00 Live Snooker: The Masters. The concluding session of the final. Coverage from Alexandra Palace, London, where the first player to win 10 frames will be crowned champion. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

11.00 Frank Skinner's Opinionated. With Alun Cochrane and Sarah Millican. (R)

11.30 Fast and Loose. Featuring David Armand, Greg Davies and Justin Edwards. Last in the series. (R)

12.00 Film: Jacknife. (1989) Drama, starring Robert De Niro and Ed Harris. 1.40 BBC News. 4.10 Close.

## ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. 7.25 CITV. 9.25 ITV News. 9.30 Ade in Britain. (R) 10.30 Dinner Date. (R) 11.30 Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) 12.30 ITV News; Weather. 12.40 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 1.45 Film: Columbo: Requiem for a Falling Star. (1973) 3.45 Vera. (R) 5.40 Regional Programmes. 5.55 ITV News; Weather.

6.10 Dancing on Ice. The 13 remaining contestants perform on the same show for the first time, skating to songs from films in a bid to wow the judges and viewers and survive another week on the ice. The results can be seen at 9.30pm.

8.30 Wild at Heart. Danny finds a potential lifeline for the family as he pitches for a grant that would enable him to buy Leopard's Den, but his old boss Ed Lynch is also competing for the money.

9.30 Dancing on Ice: The Skate Off.

10.00 That Sunday Night Show. With Ardal O'Hanlon and Ross Noble.

10.30 ITV News; Weather. 10.45 FILM: Alexander. (2004) Historical epic, starring Colin Farrell.

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1.45 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.00 Ladette to Lady: Australia. (R) 2.50 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

## Channel 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freeports on 4. (R) 7.30 Channel 4: Presents - Oscar Pistorius "Blade Runner" The Paralympic gold medalist explains his motivations. (R) 7.35 T4: That Paralympic Show. (R) 8.00 T4: One Tree Hill. (R) 8.50 T4: Hollyoaks. (R) 11.20 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) 11.55 T4: Shipwrecked: The Island. 12.55 T4: The Simpsons. (R) 1.35 T4: The Simpsons. (R) 2.05 Film: Ladyhawke. (1985) Fantasy, starring Rutger Hauer and Michelle Pfeiffer. 4.25 Deal or No Deal. 5.25 Channel 4 News. 5.55 4thought.tv.

6.00 Time Team. New series. Gateholm Island, Pembrokeshire.

7.00 Hugh's Three Hungry Boys. The friends explore what the sea has to offer.

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8.00 The Hotel. Manager Mark throws a pool party for guests.

9.00 FILM: 127 Hours. (2010) Premiere. Danny Boyle's fact-based drama, with James Franco and Kate Mara.

10.50 Chris Moyles' Quiz Night. (R)

11.40 Ben Elton: Laughing at the 80s. (R)

## Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 6.15 Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) 6.25 Fireman Sam. (R) 6.40 Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) 6.50 Castle Farm. (R) 6.55 Igam Ogam. (R) 7.05 Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) 7.15 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 7.35 Make Way for Noddy. (R) 7.45 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) 7.55 Little Princess. (R) 8.05 Olivia. (R) 8.20 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) 8.30 Angelina Ballerina. 8.45 Rupert Bear. (R) 9.00 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) 9.15 The Mr Men Show. (R) 9.30 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 9.40 Mist: Sheepdog Tales. (R) 10.00 Zoo Days. (R) 10.05 Meerkat Manor. (R) 10.35 Grey's Anatomy. (R) 11.30 Celebrity Big Brother. (R) 12.30 Benidorm ER. (R) 1.30 Film: Police Academy 3: Back in Training. (1986) Comedy sequel, with Steve Guttenberg. 3.05 Film: Little Man. (2006) Comedy, starring Marlon Wayans. 4.55 Film: Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls. (1995) Comedy sequel, starring Jim Carrey.

6.40 FILM: Spider-Man. (2002) Comic-book adventure, starring Tobey Maguire.

9.05 World's Greatest Heroes. (R)

9.55 5 News.

10.00 FILM: Single White Female. (1992) Thriller, starring Bridget Fonda and Jennifer Jason Leigh.

1.10 SuperCasino. 4.00 County Secrets. (R) 4.10 Great Scientists. (R) 4.35 Divine Designs. (R) 5.00 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.45 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

## Digital

ITV2  
2.45 Film: Back to the Future (1985) 5.00 Film: Batteries Not Included (1987) 7.05 Film: Ice Age: The Meltdown (2006) 9.00 Winners & Losers 10.00 Film: Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous (2005)

ITV3  
3.55 Film: From Time to Time (2009) 5.50 Agatha Christie's Poirot 9.00 Lewis. The detective suspects rock band veterans are mixed up in murder. Last in the series. 11.00 Cracker

ITV4  
2.35 Film: The Big Country (1958) 5.55 The Professionals 7.00 UEFA Champions League Greatest Goals 7.10 Film: Escape to Victory (1981) 9.30 Africa Cup of Nations 11.00 Film: Lethal Weapon (1987)

BBC THREE  
7.00 Film: Bee Movie (2007) 8.20 Great Movie Mistakes 2011: NOT IN 3D 8.30 World's Craziest Fools 9.00 Edinburgh Comedy Fest Live 2011 10.00 American Dad! 10.45 Family Guy

BBC FOUR  
7.00 Pugin: God's Own Architect 8.00 The Story of Musicals 9.00 Les Mis at 25: Matt Lucas Dreams the Dream 10.00 Film: The Boy Friend (1971)

E4  
3.40 Being Erica 4.40 Samantha Who? 5.10 Film: Taxi (2004) 7.10 90210 8.05 David Blaine: Magic Man 9.00 Desperate Housewives 11.00 Rude Tube

FILM4  
2.40 Carry On Nurse (1959) 4.20 Independence Day (1996) 7.00 Life or Something Like It. (2002) Comedy, starring Angelina Jolie, Edward Burns, Tony Shalhoub and Stockard Channing. 9.00 Working Girl. (1988) Comedy, starring Melanie Griffith, Sigourney Weaver and Harrison Ford. 11.10 White Men Can't Jump (1992)

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# Monday

**BBC1** 10.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Wanted Down Under. Under 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Saints and Scoundrels. 11.45 Britain's Empty Homes. BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.55 The 15th Anniversary Concert. 3.00 BBC News; Weather. 3.30 Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Pointless. 6.30 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programme; Weather. 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 Inside Out; BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 EastEnders. 8.30 Train Fares: Taken for a Ride? Panorama. 9.00 The 100th Anniversary of the First World War. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News. Weather. 10.35 A Question of Sport. 11.05 Late Kick Off. 11.35 The Graham Norton Show. (R) 12.20 Weatherwise. 12.25 Sign Zone: Who Do You Think You Are? (R) 12.55 MasterChef: The Professionals. (R) 1.55 The Big Bang Theory. Scamanded. 2.00 Celebrity Antiques Road Trip. (R) 3.40 BBC News.

**BBC2** 6.00 Cbeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.25 CBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News. 12.00 Daily Politics. 1.00 Live Bowls. 3.00 Helicopter Heroes. (R) 3.45 Flop It! 4.30 Perfect10. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 6.00 Epguards. 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys. 7.00 Baking Made Easy. (R) 7.30 A Question of Taste. 8.00 University Challenge. 8.30 An Island Parish. 9.00 The Real Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines: A Wonderful Film. 10.00 Mock the Week. 10.30 The Big Bang Theory. 11.00 American Football. 12.20 Bowls. 12.30 BBC News. 3.40 Close. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

**TV** 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 3.59 The Chase. 4.30 The Big Breakfast. 5.00 The Chase. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Cornwall with Caroline Queney. 8.30 Coronation Street. 8.45 The Sunday Night Show. 9.00 ITV News; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 That Sunday Night Show. (R) 11.10 Law & Order: UK. (R) 12.05 River Monsters. (R) 12.30 The Zone. (R) 1.00 The Hearties. 2.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 3.30 ITV Nightline. 4.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 5.30 ITV Morning News.

**Channel 4** 6.00 The Treach. People. (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 According to Jim. (R) 7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.15 The Bill Engvall Show. (R) 8.30 Boss USA. (R) 9.55 Phil Spencer. Secret Agent. (R) 11.00 Secret Location. 12.00 Channel 4 News. Summary. 12.05 A Place in the Sun: Home or Abroad? 1.00 The Bill Engvall Show. (R) 1.30 The Simpsons (2012) 1.10 River Cottage Bites. (R) 1.30 Film: Passport to Pimlico (1949) 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Celebrity Match Race. (R) 5.30 The Bill Engvall Show. (R) 5.55 The Simpsons (R) 6.30 Hollywood. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4 Thought. 8.00 SuperScrimers. 9.00 Coppets. 10.00 Party Paramedics. 11.05 Random Acts. 11.10 Shameless. (R) 12.15 The Joy of Sex. (R) 1.00 The Bill Engvall Show. (R) 1.05 Undressing My Mother. (R) 2.10 Brain Damage. (R) 2.15 St Elsewhere. (R) 3.05 90210. (R) 3.45 Designers Under Pressure. (R) 4.00 The Bill Engvall Show. (R) 4.55 Lost Buildings of Britain. (R) 5.55 Sal. Mal. (R) 6.00

**Channel 5** 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff, 11.10 LIVE with Gabby, 12.10 5 News Lunchtime, 12.15 Celebrity Big Brother, (R) 1.15 Home and Away, 1.45 Neighbours, 2.15 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation, (R) 3.15 Film: Jane Doe: Ties That Bind, (2007) 5.00 5 News at 5, 5.30 Neighbours, (R) 6.00 Home and Away, 5.30 (R) 6.30 The World's Toughest Truckee, (R) 5 News Update, 8.00 Police Interceptors, 5 News at 9, 9.00 Celebrity Big Brother, 10.00 Celebrity Wedding Planning, 11.00 Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side, 12.00 Kate Thornton - Anorexic: My Secret Story, (R) 1.00 The Assassins, 1.30 The Rescue Squad, (R) 4.10 Grey Anatomy, 5.00 County Secret, (R) 5.10 Great Doctor, (R) 5.30

## Tuesday

**BBC1** **9.00 Breakfast.** **9.15 Wanted Down Under.** **10.00** **Home News Under the Hammer;** (R) BBC News; Weather. **11.00 Saints and Scoundrels.** **11.45 Britain's Empty Homes.** **12.00** **News.** **12.15** **Regional News.** (R) BBC News; Weather. **1.30 Regional News.** **2.00** **News.** **2.15** **Doctors.** **2.15** **Escape to the Country.** **3.00 BBC News.** Weather; Regional News. **3.05** **6.00** **5.15 Pointless.** **6.00** **BBC News.** **6.05** **Football Focus.** **6.15** **The Big Bang Theory.** **7.00 The One Show.** **7.30 EastEnders;** BBC News; Regional News. **8.00 Holly City.** **9.00 MasterChef.** **10.00 BBC News.** **10.25 Regional News.** **10.30** **News.** **10.35** **Death Row Dogs.** **11.30 Film: Open Range.** (2003). Western, starring Robert Duval, Annette Bening and Michael Gambon. **1.40 Weatherview.** **1.45 Sign Zone:** The Manor Reborn. (R) **2.45** **The Nature of Things.** (R) **3.45** **MasterChef Professionals.** (R) **4.45** **BBC News.**

**BBC2** 6.00 CBeebies, 7.00 CBBC, 8.25 CBeebies, 11.30 BBC World News, 12.00 Daily Politics, 1.00 Live Bowls, The World Indoor Championships, 3.00 Helicopter Heroes, (R) 3.45 Flop It! 4.30 Perfection, 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is, 6.00 Eggheads, 6.30 The Brittas, 7.00 The Bill, 7.30 Portland visits Hadrian's Wall, 7.50 Escape to the Country, (R) 7.30 Match of the Day Live, Cardiff City vs Crystal Palace (Kick-off 7.45pm), 10.00 Rhod Gilbert's Work Experience, (R) 10.30 Newsnight, 11.00 The Big Questions, 11.30 The Big Questions Lectures 2011 - Meet Your Brain, 12.20 Bowls, 12.00 BBC News, 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

**11V** 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 5.59 Regional Weather. 4.00 The Hungry Sailors. 5.00 The Chase. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News. 7.00 The Big Bang Theory. 7.30 matters into her own hands and visits Butler's Farm. 7.30 Farewell Becky. 8.00 The Exit List. 9.00 The Biggest Loser. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Benidorm. (R) 11.35 Homes from Hell 2009. (R) 12.30 The Zone. 1.30 ITV News Headlines. 3.00 Missing London. (R) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen. 5.00 ITV Morning News.

**Channel 4** **6.00** The Treacher People. (R) **6.30** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Freshly Squeezed. **7.30** According to Jim. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Undercover Boss USA. (R) **9.55** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. (R) **10.00** The Simpsons. (R) **10.30** The Simpsons Weekly Summary. **12.05** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) **1.05** River Cottage Bites. (R) **1.20** Film: Blithe Spirit. (1945) Supernatural comedy, starring Rex Harrison. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. (R) **4.30** The Simpsons. (R) **5.00** The Simpsons. (R) **5.30** The Simpsons. (R) **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** The Fat Fighters. **9.00** 15 Kids and Counting. The problems caused by sibling rivalry in large families. (R) **9.30** Channel 4 News. **10.00** The Simpsons. (R) **10.30** Random Acts. **11.05** **12.05** Poker. **1.10** Sailing: America's Cup Uncovered. **1.35** KOTV Boxing Weekly. **2.05** Volleyball. **3.00** GT Academy. (R) **3.25** That Paralympic Show. (R) **3.55** Paralympic Show. (R) **4.00** Paralympic Show. (R) **4.30** Paralympic Show. (R) **4.55** Paralympic Show. (R) **5.00** Paralympic Show. (R) **5.15** Paralympic Show. (R) **5.30** Paralympic Show. (R) **5.45** Paralympic Show. (R) **6.00** Paralympic Show. (R) **6.15** Paralympic Show. (R) **6.30** Paralympic Show. (R) **6.45** Paralympic Show. (R) **7.00** Paralympic Show. (R) **7.15** Paralympic Show. (R) **7.30** Paralympic Show. (R) **7.45** Paralympic Show. (R) **8.00** Paralympic Show. (R) **8.15** Paralympic Show. (R) **8.30** Paralympic Show. (R) **8.45** Paralympic Show. (R) **9.00** Paralympic Show. (R) **9.15** Paralympic Show. (R) **9.30** Paralympic Show. (R) **9.45** Paralympic Show. (R) **10.00** Paralympic Show. (R) **10.15** Paralympic Show. 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## Wednesday

**BBC1** 10.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Wanted Down Under. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Saints and Scoundrels. 11.45 Britain's Empty Home. BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 Doctors. 1.15 Escape the Country. 3.00 BBC News; Weather; Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 3.15 Pointless. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 Rip Off Britain: BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 10.00 The Big Build. (R) 9.00 10.00 The Big Build. (R) 10.00 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 The National Lottery Wednesday Night Draws. 10.45 Film 2012 with Claudia Winkleman. 11.25 The League Cup Show; National Lottery Update. 12.10 Film: In Her Defense (1998) Thriller, starring Marlee Matlin. 1.00 The Big Build. (R) 1.30 Regional News. 2.20 Country Tracks. (R) 3.15 MasterChef: The Professionals. (R) 4.15 BBC News.

**BBC2** 6.00 CBeebies, 7.00 CBBC, 8.25 CBeebies, 11.30 Daily Politics  
See Hear, 1.30 The Big Bang, 2.00 Indoor Championships, 3.00 Helicopter Heroes, (R) 3.45  
Flag It! 4.30 Perfection, 5.15 Put Your Money  
Where Your Mouth Is, 6.00 Eggheads, 6.30 Great  
British Railway Journeys, 7.00 Hairy Bikers' Best  
of British, 8.00 Natural World, 9.00 The Crusades,  
10.00 Have I Got News for You, (R) 10.30  
Newsnight; Weather, 11.20 Royal Institution  
Christmas Lectures 2011 - Meet Your Brain, 12.20  
Bowler, 1.20 BBC News, 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

**ITV1** 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 3.59 Regional Weather. 4.00 The Hungry Sailors. 5.00 The Chase. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 The Big Breakfast. 7.00 The Big Breakfast. 7.30 National Television Awards 2012. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Film: The Constant Gardener. (2005) Political thriller, with Ralph Fiennes and Rachel Weisz. 12.50 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 1.30 Film: The Hitman's Bodyguard. (2013) Action thriller, starring Harrison Ford. 4.55 60/60 Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

**Channel 4** **6.10** The Hoobs, (R) **6.35** The Hoobs, (R) **7.00** Freshly Squeezed, **7.30** According to Jim, (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond, (R) **8.25** Frasier, (R) **8.55** Undercover Boss, (R) **9.5A**, (R) **9.55** Phil Spector, (R) **10.00** The Hoobs, (R) **10.05** Channel 4 News Summary, **12.05** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away, **1.15** River Cottage Bites, (R) **1.25** Film: The Belles of St Trinian's, (1954) **2.00** The Hoobs, (R) **2.05** The Hoobs, (R) **2.30** Deal or No Deal, **5.00** Celebrity Coach Trip, **5.30** Come Dine with Me, **6.00** The Simpsons, (R) **6.30** Hollywood, **7.00** Channel 4 News, **7.55** 4thought TV, **8.00** How to Cook Like a Hostess, **8.30** The Hoobs, (R) **8.35** The Hoobs, (R) **9.00** Every Minute, **10.00** Countdown - 8 Out of 10 Cats, (R) **10.35** Film: Run Fat Boy Run, (2007) Romantic comedy with Simon Pegg, **12.30** The Hoobs, (R) **12.35** The Hoobs, (R) **1.00** Bull Studios, **1.15** Music on 4: Curated by Lyle and Scott, **1.20** Music on 4: Professor Green Unseen: After Hours, (R) **1.50** Music on 4: 4Play: Bearyman, (R) **2.00** Film: That Riviera Touch, (1966) Comedy starring Mimsy Farnsworth, (R) **2.05** The Hoobs, (R) **2.30** Music on 4: The Hoobs, (R) **5.00** Game Fishing, (R) **5.15** Countdown, (R)

**Channel 5** 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The  
Gabby. 12.10 5 News Lunchtime. 12.15 Celebrity  
Big Brother. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45  
Neighbours. 2.15 CSI: Miami. (R) 3.10 Film:  
Honeymoon with Mom. (6.00) 5.00 5 News at 5.  
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News Update. 8.00 Benidorm ER; 5 News at 9.  
9.00 Celebrity Big Brother: Live Eviction. 10.00  
Jodie Marsh - Bullied: My Secret Past. 11.00  
Celebrity Big Brother: Live Eviction. 11.30  
Popstar: The Big Game. 1.30 Supermarket Sweep.  
HouseBusters. (R) 4.20 Nick's Quest. (R) 5.10  
House Doctor. (R)

## Thursday

**BBC1** 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Wanted Down Under. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Saints and Scoundrels. 11.45 Britain's Empty Homes. BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 The Big Bang Theory. 1.30 The Bill. 2.00 The Bill. Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Escape to the Country. 3.00 BBC News; Weather; Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Pointless. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Prime Time Live. 7.00 The Bill. 7.30 The Bill. 8.00 The Bill. 8.30 The Bill. 9.00 Earthlight. 9.00 Crimewatch. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Crimewatch Update. 10.45 Question Time. 11.45 This Week. 12.30 Skinning. Weatherview. 12.35 Sign Zone. Train Faces: Taking the Pulse. 1.00 The Bill. 1.30 The Bill. 2.00 52 hairy bikers' Best of British. (R) 2.50 Britain's Killer Roads. (R) 3.35 BBC News.

**BBC2** 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.25 CBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News. 12.00 Daily Politics. 1.00 Live Blogs. Coverage of the women's singles final. 3.00 Helicopter Heroes. (R) 3.45 Flog It! 4.30 Perfection. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys. 7.00 Hairy Bikers' Best of British. Extravagant culinary creations. Last in the series. 8.00 Susan Soard: A Golden Discovery. 9.00 Putin, Russia & the West. 10.00 Buzzcocks. (R) 11.30 Newsnight. 11.55 Weather. 11.20 Royal Institution Christmas Lectures 2011 — Meet Your Brain. (R) 12.20 Bowls. 1.20 BBC News. 3.35 Close. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

**TV14** 6.00 Daybreak, 8.30 Lorraine, 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show, 10.30 This Morning, 12.30 Loose Women, 1.30 ITV News, Weather, 1.55 Regional News, Weather, 2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal, 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show, 3.30 Regional Weather, 4.00 The Big Bang, 5.00 The Chase, 6.00 Regional News, Weather, 6.30 ITV News, Weather, 7.00 Emmerdale, 7.30 Payback Time, Tonight, 8.00 Emmerdale, 8.30 Regional News, Weather, 9.00 The Bill, drama, starring Samuel West, 10.00 ITV News at Ten, Weather, 10.30 Regional News, Weather, 10.35 The Jonathan Ross Show, (R) 11.35 The Late Debate, 12.05 Take Me Home, (R) 1.00 The Bill, 1.30 Regional News, Weather, 2.00 Payback Time, (R) 3.30 ITV Nightscreen, 4.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show, (R) 5.30 ITV Morning News

**Channel 4** **6.00** The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Freshly Squeezed. **7.30** According to Jim. **7.55** The Bill. **8.00** The Bill. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **8.55** Undercover. (R) **9.00** (R) **9.55** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. (R) **11.00** Secret Location. **12.00** Channel 4 News Summary. **1.15** 6.05 Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) **1.15** The Bill. (R) **1.45** The Bill. (R) **2.00** The Bill. (R) **2.15** Joseph Cotton and Orson Welles. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Celebrity Coach Trip. **5.30** Come Dine with Me. **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** The Simpsons. (R) **7.00** The Simpsons. (R) **7.30** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Location, Location, Location. **9.00** The Restoration Man. **10.00** Japan's Tsunami: Caught on Camera. (R) **11.25** Random. **11.55** Random. **12.00** Random. **12.30** Random. (R) **1.30** Hunting Britain's Most Wanted. (R) **2.25** Portrait of a Young Man Drowning. (R) **2.35** Sex Shooter. (R) **3.05** Get the Picture. (R) **3.15** Britain's King Arthur's Britain. (R) **4.15** Lost Buildings of Britain. (R) **5.10** Countdown. (R) **5.15** Sell Wall. (R)

**Channel 5** 11:00 *Minkasha*  
 11:30 *Survivor* 11:55 *100* LIVE with  
 Gabby, 11:40 5 News Lunchtime, 11:45 *Celebrity Big Brother*, (R) 12:45 *Celebrity Big Brother*, (R) 1:15 *Home and Away*, 1:45 *Neighbours*, 2:15 *CSI: NY*, (R) 3:10 *Film: Bridge of Time*, (1997) Sci-fi adventure, starring Susan Dey, 5:00 5 News at 5, 5:30 *5 News Update*, 6:00 *5 News Update*, (R) 6:30 5 News at 6:30, 7:00 *Building the Ice Hotel*, (R) 8:00 *5 News Update*, 8:00 *World's Greatest Daredevils*, Spectacular and dangerous stunts; 5 News Update, 9:00 *Celebrity Big Brother*, More from the star-studded house, 10:00 *Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side*, 10:30 *It's About a Boy*, 11:00 *5 News Update*, 11:50 *House of Cards*, (R) Nick's Quest, (R) 5:10 *House Doctor*, (R) 5:35 *Michaela's Wild Challenge*, (R)

## Friday

**BBC1** 6.00 Breakfast, 9.15 Ward Down Under, 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather, 11.00 Saints and Scoundrels, 11.45 Britain's Empty Homes, 12.00 BBC News; Weather, 12.15 Bargain Hunt, 1.00 The Big Bang, 1.30 The Big Bang, 2.00 The Big Bang, 2.30 The Big Bang, 3.00 The Big Bang, 3.30 The Big Bang, 4.00 The Big Bang, 4.30 The Big Bang, 5.00 The Big Bang, 5.30 The Big Bang, 6.00 BBC News; Weather, Regional News, 3.05 CBBC, 5.15 Pointless, 6.00 BBC News; Weather, 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather, 7.00 The One Show; BBC News; Regional News, 8.00 The One Show; BBC News; Regional News, 8.30 The One Show; BBC News; Regional News, 9.00 BBC News, 10.25 Regional News; Weather, 10.35 The Graham Norton Show, 11.20 The National Lottery Friday Night Draw, 11.30 Film: Starship Troopers, (1997) Sci-fi adventure, starring Casper Van Dien, (R) Weather, 11.40 The Big Bang, 12.00 Question Time, (R) 2.30 MasterChef: The Professionals, (R) 3.30 BBC News.

**BBC2** 6.00 CBeebies 7.00 CBBC 8.25  
CBeebies 11.30 BBC World News  
12.00 Daily Politics 1.00 Live Blogs: The World  
Indoor Championships quarter-finals 3.00  
Helicopter Heroes, (R) 3.45 Flog It! 4.30 Perfect  
5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is 6.00  
The Big Bang Theory 6.30 The Big Bang Theory  
7.00 Great Barrier Reef (R) 8.00 Mastermind 8.30  
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Newsnight 11.00 The Review Show 11.45  
Weather 11.50 Film The Notorious Bettie Page  
12.00 The Great British Bake Off 12.30 Gertie  
1.20 Bowles 2.20 BBC News 3.35 Close

**11** **6.00** Daybreak, **8.30** Lorraine, **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show, **10.30** This Morning  
**12.30** Loose Women, **1.30** ITV News, Weather, **1.55** Regional News; Weather, **2.00** Dickinson's Real Deal, **3.00** The Alan Titchmarsh Show, **3.59** Regional Weather, **4.00** The Hungry Sailors, **5.00** The Chase, **6.00** Regional News; Weather, **6.30** This Morning, **7.00** The 7.30 News, **7.55** Coronation Street, **8.00** Safari Vet School, **8.30** Coronation Street, **9.00** Law & Order: UK, **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather, **10.30** Regional News; Weather, **10.35** Film: Jaws 2 (1978) Thriller sequel, starring Roy Scheider, **12.45** The Zone, **ITV News** Headlines, **2.45** Film: Ray (2004) Biopic, starring Cuba Gooding Jr., **5.20** ITV Nightseries, **5.30** ITV Morning News

**Channel 5** 6.00 *The Treachery of Women* (R) 6.10 *The Hoobs* (R) 6.35 *The Hoobs* (R) 7.00 *Freshly Squeezed*, 7.30 *According to Jim*, (R) 7.55 *Everybody Loves Raymond*, (R) 8.25 *Frasier*, (R) 8.55 *Undeclared*, (R) 9.25 *Undeclared*, (R) 9.55 *Undeclared*, (R) 10.25 *Undeclared*, (R) 11.00 *Secret Location*, 12.00 *Channel 4 News*, Summary, 12.05 *A Place in the Sun: Home or Away*, (R) 1.10 *River Cottage Bites*, 12.55 *Film: Brighton Rock*, (R) 3.45 *Film: Learning to Cope*, 4.00 *Afterthought*, 3.10 *Countdown*, 4.00 *Not Dead*, 5.00 *Celebrity Couch Trip*, 5.00 *Come Dine with Me*, 6.00 *The Simpsons*, (R) 6.30 *Hollyoaks*, 7.00 *Channel 4 News*, 7.30 *4thought*, 7.45 *Come Dine with Me*, 8.00 *4thought*, 8.10 *4thought*, 8.30 *The Millionaire*, 8.40 *Pound Drop Live*, 10.30 *Chris Moyles' Quiz Night*, 11.00 *Rude Tube*, (R) 12.25 *Film: Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*, (2004) *Romantic drama*, starring Jim Carrey, Kate Winslet, 1.00 *4thought*, 1.10 *Acting Up*, 1.20 *Swimming*, (R) 2.40 *Meeting Helen*, (R) 2.50 *The Fishmonger*, (R) 2.55 *My Name Is Earl*, (R) 3.20 *Hung*, (R) 4.25 *St Elsewhere*, (R) 5.00 *Countdown*, (R) 5.55 *Tale*.

**Channel 5** 6.00 *Milkshake!* 9.15 *The*

Gabby, **12.10** 5 News  
Big Brother (R) **1.15** Home and Away, **1.45**  
Neighbours, **2.15** CSI: NY, **3.15** Film: See Jane Go  
Date. (2003) Romantic comedy, starring Charisma  
Carpenter and Antonio Sabato Jr. **5.00** 5 News at  
**5.30** Neighbours, **6.00** Home and Away, **6.30**  
**6.30** 5 News at 6.30, **7.00** Middleburg: Trucks  
The drivers transport po  
5 News Update, **8.00** World's Toughest Truck  
The drivers deliver riverboats to Alter do Chao in  
Brazil; **5** News Update, **9.00** Celebrity Big Brother:  
Live Final, **10.30** Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the  
Side, **11.30** Comedy Kings: Best of Just for Laughs  
The comedians transport po  
**4.15** Nick's Secret, **5.10** Michaela's Wild  
Challenge, (R)

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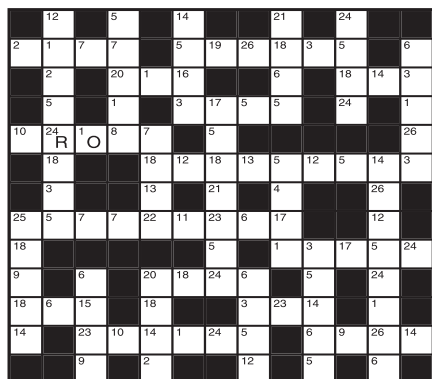


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No.152

## Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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**Cryptic Clues:**

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9. It's the least one can do (7)
10. Creed of a company in the red? Just the opposite (5)
11. Dependable form of alloy (5)
12. I turned badly, not yet having taken the test (7)
13. I am in pursuit in a carriage (6)
15. Fell, but kept quiet (3,3)
18. Overhead lines (7)
20. Money, enough for a puree, perhaps (5)
22. Part of the roof showing a blend of styles in part (5)
23. Smouldering anger (7)
24. Immediately erect a road (11)

Down

2. A negative in any trouble (5)
3. People with such depressions may still be happy (7)
4. Best sort of capital investment!! (6)
5. In fact a point of view (5)
6. No ordinary member of the force (7)
7. What a nursery may ask for looking after one! (5,6)
8. Highwayman intent on cleaning up? (11)
14. His life may be in the balance (7)
16. Possibly a tropic fruit (7)
17. Demanding, like royalty? (6)
19. Stadium near a ruin (5)
21. Animal comes from the pet-shop and accepts food (5)

**Quick Clues:**

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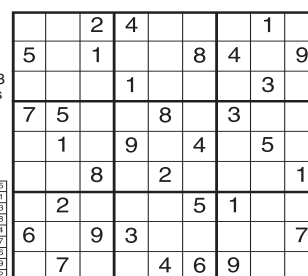
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| 1. Calamity (11)  | 2. Diminish (5)               |
| 9. Delicate (7)   | 3. Flier (7)                  |
| 10. Freight (5)   | 4. Triple (6)                 |
| 11. Happening (5) | 5. Happen (5)                 |
| 12. Bounty (7)    | 6. Crop (7)                   |
| 13. Maintain (6)  | 7. A short time later (5,1,5) |
| 15. Talented (6)  | 8. Thoughtful (11)            |
| 18. Vacation (7)  | 14. A wise man (7)            |
| 20. Sweeten (5)   | 16. Moment (7)                |
| 22. Confine (5)   | 17. Method (6)                |
| 23. Passage (7)   | 19. The same (5)              |
| 24. News (11)     | 21. Zest (5)                  |

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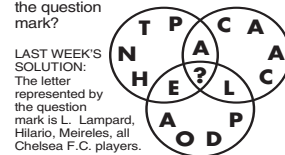
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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the  $3 \times 3$  boxes contain all the digits from 1 to 9.



**Circlegram**

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



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**DUE** to its commitment to provide customers with an all round service, Connells has launched a brand new lettings operation at their office in West Bromwich.

Headed up by lettings senior negotiator Bronwyn Brotherson, the service has been set up in a response to the increasing demand for properties to let in the area.

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"Following the successful opening of our lettings centres in Wolverhampton and Birmingham, it was a natural choice to open a lettings office in West Bromwich," said Paul Capehorn, area director at Connells.

"We are all very excited about offering a first class service in the heart of Sandwell for both tenants and land-



Lettings senior negotiator Bronwyn Brotherson of Connells

lords alike. We believe our new lettings service will complement the award-winning sales proposition Connells already provides in West Bromwich, and we look forward to helping lots of tenants and landlords in the future."

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For further information about Connells lettings services and the local market contact Connells West Bromwich office on 0121 525 1177.

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TIME is now running out for West Midlands' first-time homebuyers to take advantage of the Government's stamp duty holiday – but buying a brand new Bovis Home could help them beat the deadline.

First-time buyers have been exempt from paying stamp duty on properties priced between £125,000 and £250,000 since the budget of 2010, but the holiday will be over after March 24.

From March 25, anyone who takes ownership (ie legally completes) on these homes will have to pay one per cent of the purchase price in stamp duty tax. Bovis Homes have quality

properties available in this price range at Spirit Quarters, Coventry, Nether Hall Park, Great Barr, College Gate, Oldbury and Oxford Place, Walsall.

"The holiday is almost over – but there could still be time for homebuyers to make the most of it if they buy a brand new Bovis Home," said group marketing director Kevin Wilkins.

"That one per cent could be a significant extra cost for the buyer – up to £2,500 in some cases – so there is a real saving to be made by completing your house purchase before the deadline."

"However, the danger is that first-time buyers may fail to appreciate how

long the homebuying process could take and they may leave it too late in the New Year to make the most of this important benefit.

"The advantage of buying new is that the buyer has a far greater chance of making the deadline and achieving the stamp duty saving," added Kevin.

Those assistance schemes include FirstBuy where a joint 20 per cent equity loan from the Government and Bovis Homes means the buyer requires a five per cent deposit and a 75 per cent loan-to-value mortgage.

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# Terraced home with three bedrooms for under £100k



This refitted breakfast kitchen is a selling point for the house

**A** DECEPTIVELY spacious three bedroom mid-terrace home in Willenhall is on the market at £99,950.

The property in Threshers Drive – which agents say must be viewed internally to be fully appreciated – is perfect for the first-time buyer or property investor.

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On the ground floor there is an entrance porch with ceramic tiled floor and door to the entrance hall with wooden laminate flooring, useful understairs storage cupboard and doors to the lounge and kitchen.

The lounge, 11ft 10in by 11ft 3in, also has wood lami-

nate flooring and a fire surround, while the refitted breakfast kitchen – 17ft 9in by 11ft 2in – has a range of wall and base units, laminate work surfaces, inset sink with mixer tap and drainer board, integral fridge and freezer and dishwasher, plumbing for washing machine, gas hob and double electric oven with extractor fan above.

On the first floor are three bedrooms and a bathroom with suite comprising pedestal wash hand basin and panelled bath with shower above, with a separate WC.

Outside the lawned fore-garden has a paved pathway to the front door, and there is an easily maintained rear garden with rear access and a brick-built shed.

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The mid-terrace home in Threshers Drive, Willenhall

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£725 PCM



**Aldridge  
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● Two Bed Barn Conversion  
● Lounge●Kitchen  
● Bathroom●En-Suite  
● Central Heating●Off Road Parking  
● Garage●Sorry No DHSS

£650 PCM



**Walsall  
Rowley Street**  
● Four Bedroom Terrace  
● Lounge●Dining Room  
● Central Heating  
● Off-Road Parking  
● Rear garden●DHSS Accepted

£600 PCM



**Walsall  
Harness Close**  
● Three Bedroom Link-Detached  
● Lounge●Open Plan Kitchen/Diner  
● Utility Room●Conservatory  
● Bathroom●Front & Rear Gardens  
● Garage & Driveway

£560 PCM



**Walsall  
Sneyd Lane**  
● Three Bedroom Semi-Detached  
● Lounge●Dining Room  
● Family Bathroom  
● Double Glazing & Central Heating  
● Sorry No DHSS

£525 PCM



**Rushall  
Springfields**  
● Three Bedroom Terraced Property  
● Lounge●Kitchen  
● Bathroom  
● Front and rear gardens  
● DHSS Accepted

£525 PCM



**New Invention  
Squires Grove**  
● Two Bedroom Apartment  
● Lounge●Fitted Kitchen  
● Bathroom●En-Suite  
● Double Glazing●Electric Heating  
● Sorry No DHSS,Pets or Smokers

£525 PCM



**Willenhall  
Kingston Close**  
● Two Bedroom Semi-Detached  
● Through Lounge/Diner  
● Kitchen●Bathroom  
● Driveway●Integral Garage  
● Sorry NO DHSS

£525 PCM



**Walsall  
Manorhouse Close**  
● Two Bedroom Apartment  
● Lounge●Kitchen●Bathroom  
● Double Glazing●Central Heating  
● En-suite●Allocated Parking  
● Sorry No DHSS

£500 PCM



**Walsall  
Weston Street**  
● Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace  
● Two Reception Rooms●Furnished  
● Kitchen●Ground Floor Bathroom  
● Rear Garden●Off Road Parking to Front  
● Double Glazing●Gas Central Heating

£500 PCM



**Bloxwich  
Stuart Street**  
● Three Bedroom End-Terrace  
● Two Reception Rooms  
● Kitchen●Bathroom●Separate W.C.  
● Front & Rear Gardens●Central Heating  
● DHSS Accepted, No Pets or Smokers

£500 PCM



**Walsall  
Hawthorne Road**  
● Three Bedroom Semi-Detached  
● Through Lounge●Kitchen  
● Downstairs W.C.●Family bathroom  
● Double Glazed●Central Heating  
● Front & Rear Gardens●DHSS Accepted

£495 PCM



**Bloxwich  
Millfield Avenue**  
● Three Bedroom End-Terrace  
● Lounge●Kitchen●Dining Room  
● Bathroom●Downstairs W.C.  
● Double Glazing●Gas Central Heating  
● Front & Rear Gardens●DHSS Accepted

£495 PCM



**Willenhall  
Kingfisher Court**  
● Two Bed Apartment  
● Lounge●Fitted Kitchen  
● Bathroom●D.Glazing & Central Heating  
● Secure Off Road Parking  
● Sorry No DHSS

£475 PCM



**Bloxwich  
Lancaster Place**  
● Two Bedroom End Terrace  
● Popular cul-de-sac Location  
● New Fitted Kitchen  
● Double Glazing and Gas Central Heating  
● Sorry No DHSS Pets or Smokers

£475 PCM



**Leamore  
May Street**  
● Three Bedroom Terrace  
● Lounge●Kitchen●Bathroom  
● Double glazing  
● Heating throughout  
● DHSS Accepted

£450 PCM



**Walsall  
Old Pleck Road**  
● Three Bedroom Semi-Detached  
● Lounge●Fitted Kitchen  
● Downstairs W.C.  
● Family Bathroom●Double Glazing  
● Gas Central Heating●DHSS Accepted

£450 PCM



**Bloxwich  
Blakenall Lane**  
● Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace  
● Kitchen●Two Reception Rooms  
● Ground Floor Bathroom  
● Further Room with W.C. & Wash Basin  
● Front & Rear Gardens●DHSS

£450 PCM



**Walsall  
Paddington Walk**  
● Two Bedroom End-Terrace  
● Lounge●Kitchen/Diner  
● Cloakroom W.C.●Bathroom  
● Front & Rear Gardens  
● Double Glazing●Gas Central Heating

£450 PCM



**Bloxwich  
Signal Grove**  
● Two Bedroom Second Floor Flat  
● Lounge●Kitchen  
● Bathroom●Electric Heating  
● Communal Grounds  
● Allocated Parking●DHSS Accepted

£450 PCM



**Walsall  
Bloxwich Road**  
● Three Bedroom Terrace  
● Two Reception Rooms  
● Kitchen●Bathroom●Double Glazing  
● Gas Central Heating  
● Rear Garden●DHSS Accepted

£440 PCM



**Bloxwich  
Bloxwich Road**  
● Two Bed End Terrace  
● Two Reception Rooms  
● Two Bathrooms●Double Glazing  
● Fitted Kitchen●Heating●Rear Garden  
● Off Road Parking●DHSS Accepted

£425 PCM



**Leamore  
West Street**  
● Two Bedroom Terrace  
● Two Reception Rooms  
● Lounge●Kitchen  
● Rear Garden  
● DHSS Accepted

£425 PCM



**Walker Road  
Blakenall Heath & Guild Court**  
● Two Bedroom Apartments  
● Lounge/Kitchen●Family Bathroom  
● Gas Central Heating  
● Double Glazing  
● DHSS Accepted

From £425 PCM



**Walsall  
Tudor House**  
● One Bedroom Apartment  
● Lounge●Bathroom  
● Fitted kitchen with appliances  
● Double glazing  
● Central heating●Sorry No DHSS

£400 PCM



**Bloxwich  
Marton Court**  
● One & Two Bed Apartments  
● Lounge●Fitted Kitchen  
● Bathroom●Double Glazing  
● Electric Heating  
● DHSS Accepted

From £400 PCM



**Bloxwich  
Harrison Street**  
● Two Bedroom Flats  
● Lounge●Fitted Kitchen  
● Double Glazing  
● Electric heating●DHSS Accepted  
● ONLY 1 MONTHS RENT HAS DEPOSIT

£400 PCM



**WALSALL  
New Forest Road**  
● One Bedroom Semi  
● Fitted Kitchen  
● Family Bathroom  
● Lounge●Garage  
● Sorry No DHSS

£475 PCM



**Bloxwich  
Usk Close**  
● One Bedroom Flat  
● Communal Entrance  
● Double Glazing  
● Alarm System  
● Off Road Parking●DHSS Accepted

£395 PCM



**Walsall  
Crown Lofts**  
● Modern Studio Flat  
● Fitted Kitchen●Shower Room  
● Heating●Balcony  
● Sorry No DHSS

£375 PCM



**Bloxwich  
Field Road**  
● One Bedroom Flat  
● Kitchen●Bathroom  
● Central Heating●Double Glazing  
● Sorry No DHSS

£375 PCM



**Walsall  
Moat Road**  
● Two Bed Flat above retail premises  
● Lounge  
● Kitchen  
● Shower Room  
● DHSS Accepted

£350 PCM



**Walsall  
Lavender Grove**  
● Three Bedroom Semi Detached  
● Lounge●Dining Room  
● Fitted Kitchen●Bathroom  
● Off Road Parking●Front & Rear Gardens  
● DHSS Accepted

£450 PCM



**Walsall  
Green Lane**  
● One Bed Flat Self - Contained  
● Large Lounge●Dining Room  
● Bathroom●Gas Central Heating  
● Sorry No DHSS

£325 PCM



**Walsall  
Bloxwich Road**  
● One Bedroom Flat  
● Communal Entrance  
● Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen  
● Shower Room●Double Glazing  
● Electric Heating●DHSS Accepted

£325 PCM



**Bloxwich  
Harrison Street**  
● Two Bedroom Flat  
● Lounge●Bedroom  
● Bathroom●Double Glazing  
● Gas Central Heating  
● DHSS Accepted

£300 PCM

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- Conservatory

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AVON DRIVE, WILLENHALL

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- Recently Refitted Kitchen
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OFFERS £129,950



QUEENS LEA (OFF LUCKNOW RD), WILLENHALL

- Three bedroomed semi-detached
- Double glazing and gas central heating
- Spacious lounge
- Kitchen with large dining area
- Off road parking facilities
- Perfect for first time buyer

OFFERS £109,950



BLOXWICH ROAD SOUTH, WILLENHALL

- Three bedroomed end terrace
- Deceptively spacious
- Two reception rooms
- Spacious kitchen
- Utility room
- Extensive double glazing and central heating

OFFERS £84,950



HILTON ROAD, WILLENHALL

- Two Bedroomed Semi-Detached
- Gas Fired Central Heating
- Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Garage
- Off road Parking
- Ideal for Investor or First time Buyer

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- ★ Four Bedrooms
- ★ Lounge & Kitchen
- ★ Garage & Garden
- ★ Dining & Sitting Room
- ★ UPVC DG & GCH

£950pcm



RATCLIFFE DRIVE, WILLENHALL

- ★ Detached House
- ★ Two Reception Rooms
- ★ Four Bedrooms
- ★ Bathroom & En-suite
- ★ Garage & Garden
- ★ GCH & DG

£665pcm



LANCASTER PLACE, BLOXWICH

- ★ Mid Terrace House
- ★ Three Bedrooms
- ★ Two Reception Rooms
- ★ Conservatory
- ★ Gas Central Heating
- ★ Off Road Parking

£550pcm



CRANE COURT, ARBORETUM ROAD, WALSALL

- ★ Ground Floor Flat
- ★ Two Bedrooms
- ★ Kitchen With Built In Hob & Oven
- ★ Economy 7 Heating
- ★ One Parking Space
- ★ Garage

£500pcm



MERTON WAY, WALSALL

- ★ New Build Apartments
- ★ Two Bedrooms
- ★ En-Suite & Bathroom
- ★ Lounge & Kitchen
- ★ GCH & DG
- ★ Allocated Parking Or Garage

£495-£525pcm



LEIGH COURT, WALSALL

- ★ Second Floor Flat
- ★ Two Bedrooms
- ★ Lounge/Dining Room
- ★ Kitchen With Oven & Fridge Freezer
- ★ Storage Heaters
- ★ Balcony

£495pcm



BOUNDARY AVENUE, ROWLEY REGIS

- ★ Semi-Detached House
- ★ Three Bedrooms
- ★ Lounge
- ★ Kitchen / Dining Room
- ★ Parking
- ★ Gas Central Heating

£435pcm



BIRMINGHAM STREET, WILLENHALL

- ★ First Floor Flat
- ★ One Bedroom
- ★ Kitchen
- ★ Gas Central Heating
- ★ Allocated Parking Space

£325pcm



CHURCH STREET, DARLASTON

- ★ First Floor Flat
- ★ Two Bedrooms
- ★ Large Lounge
- ★ Fitted Kitchen
- ★ Bathroom
- ★ DG & GCH

£350pcm



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**NEW INVENTION, WILLENHALL  
CRAB LANE**

- \* Deceptive extended traditional style detached bungalow
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* Gas central heating
- \* UPVC double glazed windows
- \* Extended kitchen
- \* Bathroom with shower fitment
- \* 30ft double length garage
- \* Lovely established gardens to front and rear
- \* Ample off road parking

**£190,000 VIEWING RECOMMENDED, NO CHAIN**

**WALSALL, OFF POPLAR AVENUE  
SILVERSTONE CLOSE**

- \* Extended detached property on generous corner plot
- \* Col-de-sac location
- \* Four bedrooms
- \* Three reception rooms
- \* Fitted kitchen
- \* Gas central heating
- \* Double glazed windows
- \* Enclosed rear garden
- \* Garage

**OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £159,995**

**COPPICE FARM  
KESTREL GROVE**

- \* Delightful modern style detached residence
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* En-suite shower room
- \* Two reception rooms
- \* Refitted kitchen with oven and hob
- \* Fitted bathroom with jacuzzi bath
- \* Gas central heating, UPVC double glazed windows
- \* Garage and block paved driveway
- \* Lovely established rear garden

**£190,000**

**SUMMER HAYES  
BLENHEIM ROAD**

- \* Extended and improved semi detached property
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* Additional ground floor bedroom and shower/wet room
- \* Superb extended lounge/dining room
- \* Fitted kitchen with oven, hob and refrigerator
- \* Upstairs bathroom with shower
- \* Pleasant gardens to front and rear
- \* Gas central heating
- \* UPVC double glazed windows

**OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £149,950**

**WEDNESFIELD  
BROAD LANE SOUTH**

- \* Extended traditional style semi detached property
- \* Two bedrooms
- \* 30ft through lounge/dining room
- \* UPVC double glazing
- \* En suite heating
- \* Extended breakfast kitchen
- \* Fitted bathroom
- \* Large enclosed rear garden with shed
- \* Off road parking
- \* Ideal family home, no chain

**£138,500**

**ESSINGTON  
HIGH HILL**

- \* Superb extended modern style detached residence
- \* Spacious family living accommodation
- \* Four generous bedrooms
- \* Large en suite bathroom
- \* Second en suite shower room
- \* Two reception rooms
- \* Utility, study room and guest WC
- \* Gas central heating, UPVC double glazed windows
- \* Delightful front aspect

**WAS £295,000, NOW £275,000**

**COPPICE FARM  
LOCHALSH GROVE**

- \* Modern style detached family residence
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* En-suite shower room
- \* Lounge and dining rooms
- \* Breakfast kitchen and downstairs wc
- \* Garage and off road parking
- \* Generous rear garden
- \* Gas central heating
- \* Internal viewing recommended

**WAS £210,000, NOW £205,000**

**WEDNESFIELD  
BROAD LANE SOUTH**

- \* Beautiful traditional style semi detached bungalow
- \* Two bedrooms
- \* UPVC double glazing, gas central heating
- \* Double glazed conservatory
- \* Lounge with open fire
- \* Large enclosed rear garden with two summer houses
- \* Single off road parking, garage
- \* Must be viewed

**£234,995 NO CHAIN**

**TURNBERRY EST, BLOXWICH  
RALSTON CLOSE**

- \* Superb four bedroom modern detached residence
- \* En suite shower room
- \* Two reception rooms
- \* Fitted breakfast kitchen with appliances
- \* Two or double garage with roller shutter door
- \* UPVC double glazed windows
- \* Large rear garden
- \* En suite heating

**WAS £229,950, NOW £220,000**

**SUMMER HAYES  
THE HAYES**

- \* Diverse style semi detached property
- \* Gas central heating, part double glazing
- \* Ground and first floor bedrooms
- \* Lounge and separate dining room/bedroom 3
- \* 20ft side garage, single off road parking
- \* Utility room/downstairs wc
- \* Pleasant gardens to front and rear
- \* Excellent potential to improve
- \* Internal viewing recommended

**£135,000 NO UPWARD CHAIN**

**WILLENHALL  
FIBBERSLEY**

- \* Pleasantly appointed extended traditional style semi
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* Gas central heating
- \* Majority UPVC double glazed windows
- \* Extended lounge and separate dining room
- \* 19ft extended breakfast kitchen, utility area
- \* Garage and off road parking
- \* Generous established rear utility area
- \* Internal viewing recommended

**£150,000 OFFERS, NO CHAIN**

**ESSINGTON  
HOUGH WAY**

- \* Superb modern style detached family residence
- \* Four bedrooms, all with fitted wardrobes
- \* Master bedroom with en suite shower
- \* En suite heating
- \* UPVC double glazed windows
- \* Spacious fitted dining kitchen/family room
- \* Utility room and guest cloakroom
- \* Detached garage and ample parking
- \* In need of internal modernisation
- \* Excellent potential to improve

**WAS £295,000, NOW £287,500**

**WILLENHALL  
LAKESIDE CLOSE**

- \* Pleasantly appointed modern style detached property
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* En suite shower room
- \* UPVC double glazing inc oven
- \* Gas central heating
- \* UPVC double glazed windows
- \* Large through lounge/dining room and hob
- \* UPVC double glazed windows
- \* Enclosed rear garden
- \* Single off road parking

**WAS £152,950, NOW OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £149,950**

**NEW INVENTION  
SANDRINGHAM AVENUE**

- \* Well presented detached semi detached property
- \* Extensive rear garden with decking patio approx 200ft
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* Double glazed windows
- \* Thoughtful to a dependent relative
- \* Gas central heating
- \* 20ft side garage, single off road parking
- \* Utility room/downstairs wc
- \* UPVC double glazed conservatory
- \* Loft room
- \* Garage and off road parking

**WAS £189,995 NOW £184,995**

**NEW INVENTION  
SANDRINGHAM AVENUE**

- \* Spacious extended semi detached property
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* Lounge and dining area
- \* Extended fitted kitchen with UPVC double glazed windows
- \* Bridge and terrace
- \* Fitted bathroom with shower
- \* Garage and off road parking
- \* Gas central heating
- \* Double glazed windows

**WAS £139,500, NOW £137,000**

**WILLENHALL  
NEW ROAD**

- \* Conveniently located detached property
- \* One bedroom
- \* Gas warm air central heating system
- \* UPVC double glazed windows
- \* Large and dining kitchen
- \* Rear garage and off road parking
- \* Lovely established south facing rear garden
- \* Internal viewing recommended
- \* Ideal first time purchase

**£130,000 OFFERS, NO CHAIN**

**DARLASTON  
HEMMINGS STREET**

- \* Extended traditional style semi detached property
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* Gas central heating system
- \* Two reception rooms
- \* Large established rear garden
- \* Off road parking
- \* In need of internal modernisation
- \* Excellent potential to improve

**WAS £89,950, NOW £85,000**

**NEW INVENTION  
BALMORAL DRIVE**

- \* Pleasant semi detached property
- \* Well proportioned accommodation
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* Gas central heating
- \* Majority UPVC double glazing
- \* Large through lounge/dining room and hob
- \* UPVC double glazed windows
- \* Enclosed rear garden
- \* Single off road parking

**WAS £127,500, NOW £125,000**

**WILLENHALL  
SANDRINGHAM AVENUE**

- \* Deceptively spacious detached semi detached property
- \* Four bedrooms inc ground floor bedroom & shower room
- \* Thoughtful to a dependent relative
- \* Gas central heating
- \* 20ft side garage, single off road parking
- \* Utility room
- \* UPVC double glazed conservatory
- \* Loft room
- \* Garage and off road parking

**£169,950**

**COPPICE FARM  
BUTTERMERE GROVE**

- \* Extended modern style and town house
- \* Four bedrooms
- \* Gas central heating
- \* Majority double glazed windows
- \* No related chain
- \* Fitted dining kitchen with oven and hob
- \* Utility room and downstairs wc
- \* Garage and concrete print driveway
- \* UPVC double glazed windows
- \* Ideal first time purchase

**WAS £149,950, NOW £147,950**

**WALSALL/WILLENHALL  
GRENVILLE CLOSE**

- \* Pleasant first floor maisonette
- \* Col-de-sac location
- \* One bedroom
- \* UPVC double glazed windows
- \* Electric heating
- \* Fitted bathroom with shower
- \* Rear garage and off road parking
- \* Garage in block to the side
- \* Ideal first time purchase

**WAS £56,000, NOW £54,500**

**SUMMER HAYES  
EDINBURGH DRIVE**

- \* Pleasantly appointed dornier style bungalow
- \* Extended to the side elevation
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* Gas central heating
- \* UPVC double glazed windows
- \* Superb UPVC double glazed conservatory
- \* Extended fitted kitchen
- \* Extended bathroom with separate shower cubicle

**WAS £139,950, NOW £137,950**

**WILLENHALL  
VICTORIA STREET**

- \* Pleasant terraced style property
- \* Ideal first time purchase or investment property
- \* Two bedrooms
- \* Gas central heating system (to be installed)
- \* UPVC double glazed windows
- \* Two reception rooms
- \* Bathroom including bath and shower
- \* Internal viewing recommended

**£67,500 NO CHAIN**
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# SALE



## COPPICE FARM KINGFISHER GROVE

- ★ Pleasantly appointed modern style detached
- ★ Delightful location set back from the road
- ★ Four bedrooms, all with wardrobes
- ★ Master bedroom with en-suite shower room
- ★ Two reception rooms
- ★ Refitted kitchen with oven, hob, fridge and freezer
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ UPVC double glazed windows
- ★ Established rear garden with block paved patio
- ★ Internal viewing strongly recommended

£220,000 OFFERS



## SHORT HEATH WESLEY ROAD

- ★ Deceptively spacious extended detached property
- ★ Four bedrooms
- ★ Two reception rooms
- ★ UPVC double glazed conservatory
- ★ Fitted kitchen inc double oven, hob and dishwasher
- ★ Lovely established rear garden of generous size
- ★ Concrete print driveway
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ UPVC double glazing

WAS £179,950, NOW £169,950



## NEW INVENTION RUGLEY AVENUE

- ★ Extended & improved end town house style property
- ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ UPVC double glazed windows
- ★ Lounge and extended dining room
- ★ 17ft side utility room
- ★ Pleasant garden to the rear
- ★ Off road parking
- ★ Internal viewing recommended

£120,000 OFFERS



## WILLENHALL SHEPHERD DRIVE

- ★ Pleasant town house style property
- ★ Ideal first time purchase
- ★ Two bedrooms
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ UPVC double glazed windows
- ★ Spacious 19ft through lounge
- ★ Fitted kitchen and bathroom
- ★ Generous rear garden
- ★ Internal viewing recommended

£92,500 OFFERS, NO CHAIN



## SNEYD PARK DRUID PARK ROAD

- ★ Pleasantly appointed and surprisingly spacious
- ★ Ideal first time purchase
- ★ Two double bedrooms
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ UPVC double glazed windows
- ★ Spacious 17ft front lounge
- ★ Fitted kitchen with appliances
- ★ Lovely enclosed rear garden

WAS £125,000, NOW £122,000



## WILLENHALL WELLAND GROVE

- ★ Excellent modern style detached property in popular Kingfishers development
- ★ Three bedrooms, two with fitted wardrobes
- ★ Well equipped fitted dining kitchen
- ★ UPVC double glazed conservatory
- ★ Detached garage
- ★ Block paved driveway
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ UPVC double glazed windows
- ★ POTENTIAL TO EXTEND (STPP)

£159,950 OFFERS

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## WILLENHALL FARMHOUSE ROAD

- ★ Spacious modern style detached residence
- ★ Pleasantly appointed accommodation
- ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ Master bedroom with en-suite shower room
- ★ Lounge and dining room
- ★ Fitted kitchen inc oven & hob
- ★ Gas central heating, double glazed windows

OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £159,950



## WILLENHALL FURZEBANK WAY, OFF STROUD AVENUE

- ★ Pleasant semi detached property on corner plot
- ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ UPVC double glazing
- ★ Spacious 14ft rear lounge
- ★ Upstairs bathroom with shower
- ★ Garage at rear with driveway
- ★ Fitted kitchen
- ★ Internal viewing recommended

£124,995 NO CHAIN

## COPPICE FARM SNOWDON WAY

- ★ Pleasantly appointed extended detached family residence
- ★ Five bedrooms
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ UPVC double glazed windows
- ★ UPVC double glazed conservatory
- ★ Lounge and dining areas
- ★ Fitted bathroom with shower
- ★ Utility room and downstairs guest cloakroom
- ★ Timber decked and paved rear garden
- ★ Internal viewing strongly recommended

£220,000



## SHORT HEATH BLOXWICH ROAD NORTH

- ★ Deceptively spacious and splendidly appointed traditional style semi
- ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ UPVC double glazed windows
- ★ Superb refitted bathroom with shower
- ★ Excellent refitted breakfast kitchen inc oven, hob and breakfast bar
- ★ Off road parking to the side
- ★ A lovely family home which must be viewed

WAS £129,995, NOW £125,000



## WILLENHALL WHITEWOOD GLADE

- ★ Four bedroom extended semi detached property
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ UPVC double glazed windows
- ★ En suite bathroom
- ★ Separate fitted shower room
- ★ 24ft through lounge/dining room
- ★ Garage and ample off road parking
- ★ Internal viewing recommended

WAS £75,000, NOW £70,000 50% SHARED OWNERSHIP



## SHORT HEATH ANDREW DRIVE

- ★ Pleasant detached bungalow in popular location
- ★ Two bedrooms
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ Double glazed windows
- ★ Spacious 18ft lounge with feature fireplace
- ★ Detached garage
- ★ Lovely established rear garden
- ★ No upward chain

WAS £130,000, NOW £125,000



## WILLENHALL DIBBLE CLOSE, OFF STROUD AVENUE

- ★ Pleasantly appointed town house
- ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ UPVC double glazed windows
- ★ Superb refitted bathroom
- ★ UPVC double glazed conservatory
- ★ Spacious 20ft through lounge
- ★ Fitted breakfast kitchen with appliances

WAS £96,000, NOW £94,000

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### Willenhall Trentham Avenue **NEW**



- Spacious 2 Bedroom Home
- Much Improved and Immaculately Presented
- Central Heating and Double Glazing
- 19ft Through Lounge

- Upvc Conservatory
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Utility Room
- Re-Fitted Bathroom

OFFERS AROUND: £112,000

### Willenhall Uplands Grove **NEW**



- Extended Semi-Detached
- Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Quiet Cul-De-Sac Location
- No Upward Chain

- 2 Double Bedrooms and Loft Room
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Re-Fitted Bathroom

Viewing 01902 633323 OFFERS AROUND: £105,000

### Willenhall Mill Lane **NEW**

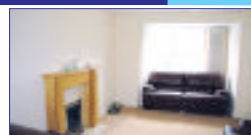


- Substantial Detached House
- 5 Bedrooms
- Central Heating and Double Glazing
- No Upward Chain

- Entrance Porch and Hall
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory/Utility

Viewing 01902 633323 OFFERS AROUND: £285,000

### Bilston Bickley Road **NEW**



- 4 Bedroom Modern Detached
- Central Heating and Double Glazing
- No Upward Chain
- 2 Reception Rooms

- Fitted Kitchen
- Utility Room
- Family Bathroom & Downstairs WC
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom

OFFERS AROUND: £182,000

### Willenhall Delamere Road



- Well Presented Semi-Detached
- 3 Good Bedrooms
- Gas Central Heating
- Upvc Double Glazing

- No Upward Chain
- Entrance Hall
- Lounge
- Conservatory

Viewing 01902 633323 OFFERS AROUND: £139,950

### Cedar Road Willenhall **NEW**



- Extended Semi-Detached
- 3 Bedrooms with Balcony off Master
- Double Glazing
- Warm air Central Heating

OFFERS AROUND: £134,950

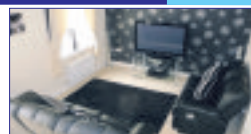
### Cedar Road Willenhall **NEW**



- 2 Bedroom Semi Bungalow
- In Need of Upgrading
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Gas Central Heating

OFFERS AROUND: £95,000

### Willenhall Princethorpe Road **REDUCED**



- 3 Bedroom Detached House
- Central Heating & Double Glazing
- 18ft Conservatory
- 18ft Lounge

- Reception Hall & Guest WC
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- En-Suite to Master Bed

OFFERS AROUND: £165,000

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### Victoria Street Willenhall



- Ideal 1st Purchase or Investment
- 2 Bedrooms
- Central Heating and Double Glazing
- No Upward Chain

OFFERS AROUND: £64,950

### Goscote Place Walsall



- Spacious Terrace Home
- 4 Bedrooms
- Upvc Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating

OFFERS AROUND: £110,000

### Victoria Street Willenhall



- Period Terrace House
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Deceptively Spacious
- No Upward Chain

OFFERS AROUND: £80,000

### Temple Road Willenhall



- First Floor Flat
- 2 Bedrooms
- Double Glazing & Central Heating (where specified)
- No Upward Chain

OFFERS AROUND: £52,500

### Ingledew Close Walsall



- Well Presented Semi-Detached
- 3 Bedrooms
- Gas Central Heating
- Upvc Double Glazing

OFFERS AROUND: £124,950

### Eaton Rise Willenhall



- Extended Detached Bungalow
- Generous Corner Plot
- 3 Bedrooms
- Adjoining 33ft Annex

OFFERS AROUND: £179,995

### Dillways Lane Willenhall



- Semi detached
- 3 bedroom
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazing

OFFERS AROUND: £99,950

### Evans Street Willenhall



- Semi detached
- 3 bedroom
- No upward chain
- Lounge

OFFERS AROUND: £90,000

### Marston Street Willenhall



- 3 bedrooms
- UPVC double glazing & gas central heating
- Downstairs shower room / W.C

OFFERS AROUND: £64,950

### Dryden Close Willenhall



- Spacious Terrace House
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing

OFFERS AROUND: £89,950

### Fenmere Close Wolverhampton



- Extended, improved semi detached
- 4 bedrooms (master with shower cubicle)
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- UPVC double glazing

OFFERS AROUND: £169,995

### Heathfield Lane West Darlaston



- Spacious 3 Bedroom Semi Detached
- Opportunity to Improve Accommodation
- Almost Entirely Double Glazed
- Gas Central Heating

OFFERS AROUND: £79,995

### Fairlawn Way Willenhall



- 3 Bedroom Mid Terrace
- Double Glazing
- Part gas central heating
- Entrance porch and hall

OFFERS AROUND: £82,000

### Lodge Road Darlaston



- An Extended 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- No Upward Chain!
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: £87,500

### Archer Road Leamore



- Extended and improved end terrace
- 3 bedrooms
- UPVC double glazing & gas central heating
- Downstairs shower room / W.C

OFFERS AROUND: £144,995

### Kennedy Crescent Darlaston



- Well Presented 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Ideally Located for Bilston & Darlaston Towns
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as specified)
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: £109,995

### Crawford Avenue Darlaston



- 3 Bedroom Mid Townhouse
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing (where specified)

OFFERS AROUND: £94,995

### Queen Street Wednesbury



- Modern Extended Detached
- 3 Bedrooms
- Central Heating & Part Double Glazing
- No Upward Chain

OFFERS AROUND: £155,000

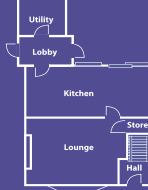
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## residential lettings

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### Enville Road Kingswinford



A well presented two bedroom flat, situated in popular residential neighbourhood close to excellent local amenities and briefly comprises of Lounge, Fitted kitchen, Two good size bedrooms, Bathroom, DSS CONSIDERED

**£100 pcm**

### Clarkes Lane Willenhall



A well presented one bedroom ground floor apartment, set in a prominent location close to Willenhall town centre and motorway networks. The property is finished to a high standard and briefly comprises of Lounge, Modern fitted kitchen, Fitted bathroom, Double bedroom and secure parking. No DSS

**£395 pcm**

### Loxdale Sidings Bilston



Below apartment, fitted out with a modern, clean, contemporary kitchen, including, larger bright, chrome fittings, light oak flooring, wood carpet in bedroom, roller blinds and curtains. The property also comprises, well proportioned lounge with open plan dining and fully fitted kitchen with stainless appliances, fitted shower and bath in bathroom, fitted double doors, security alarm, private parking and secure internet system.

**£395 pcm**

### Market Place Willenhall



A superb opportunity to acquire this refurbished one bedroom apartment, situated in a popular location close to excellent local amenities with easy access to motorway networks. The property is finished to a high standard and requires internal viewing to fully appreciate the level of accommodation. To include Lounge, Modern fitted kitchen, Fitted bathroom.

**£425 pcm**

### Waverley Road Darlaston



3 Bedroom Mid terrace, central heating & double glazing (where specified), no upward chain, two reception rooms, kitchen, upstairs bathroom, rear garden & rear double garage.

**£450 pcm**

### Birmingham Road West Bromwich



An Attractive, 2nd floor Apartment benefiting from no upward chain. Double Glazed, Electric Heating and secure door entry system. Very convenient for M5 (Junc1), Metro and Town centre. Accommodation comprising Entrance Hall, Living Room, Fitted Kitchen, Bedroom, Bathroom, WC, Communal Car parking space and Communal grounds and drying area. No DSS

**£450 pcm**

### Oakthorpe Gardens Oldbury



TO LET: Refurbished 1st floor 2 bedroom flat with good transport links being located just off the Birmingham New Road and close to Dudley Port Railway station. The accommodation benefits from upvc double glazing, storage heating, new fitted carpets and newly fitted kitchen and further comprises entrance hall, stairs and landing, 18th lounge and fitted bathroom.

**£450 pcm**

### Ferguson Drive Tipton



Modern 2nd floor luxury apartment built by Wimpey homes with the benefit of UPVC double-glazing, central heating, security entrance doors. Substantially appointed accommodation briefly comprises, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen with built in oven/hob, 2 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, allocated parking space & communal gardens. Viewing recommended.

**£450 pcm**

### Grafton Road West Bromwich



A well presented modern ground floor apartment, situated in a popular location with easy access to West Bromwich town centre and with easy access to motorway networks. The property benefits from a high standard and includes Lounge/ open plan modern fitted kitchen, Family bathroom, Bedroom, Dg and Gch.

**£450 pcm**

### Jefferson Place West Bromwich



A modern Fully Furnished one bedroom apartment with electric heating, double glazing, allocated car parking space and security entrance doors. The property comprises, reception hall, lounge/ kitchen with built in oven, hob & extractor, washing machine and fridge. One double bedroom with built in mirrored wardrobes and bathroom with bath, wash basin & wc. View 0121 525 5520

**£475 pcm**

### Beckett Street Bilston



Well presented terrace home, two double bedrooms, gas central heating, upvc double glazing, alarm system, lounge with feature fireplace, dining room, re-fitted kitchen with integrated oven/hob, re-fitted downstairs bathroom and rear garden. No DSS

**£475 pcm**

### Brickhouse Lane West Bromwich



Extended and recently refurbished semi detached having gas central heating whilst briefly comprising: Reception hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, front and rear gardens NO PETS / NO DSS

**£485 pcm**

### Darby's Way Tipton



The property comprises a modern two bedroom ground floor apartment benefiting from electric heating. The accommodation includes lounge, bathroom, kitchen with oven and hob, carpets throughout and garage. Viewing 0121 525 5520

**£475 pcm**

### Sycamore Road Tipton



A well presented two bedroom traditional semi detached property offering a spacious layout and refurbished to a good standard which requires internal viewing to fully appreciate the level of accommodation which briefly comprises of Lounge, Fitted kitchen, Two good size bedrooms, Family bathroom, Driveway, Garden, Dg and Gch.

**£475 pcm**

### Warstones Road Wolverhampton



A well presented two bedroom traditional house offering a popular location on the Western outskirts of the city centre the property is in good decorative order and benefits from a spacious layout. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Dining Room, Modern fitted kitchen, Family bathroom, Two double bedrooms, Private rear garden, driveway, Dg and Gch. No DSS

**£495 pcm**

### Geneva Road Tipton



\*\*\*MUST BE VIEWED\*\*\* An improved and upgraded three bedroom and terrace family home having the benefit of UPVC double glazing and gas central heating. This well presented property further comprises, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen/diner, 3 bedrooms, family bathroom with shower, off road parking, and good size rear garden.

**£495 pcm**

### Church Lane West Bromwich



The property comprises a brand new coach house having the benefit of central heating and double glazing, intruder alarm and video security phone. The accommodation includes two bedrooms, bathroom, dining area, fitted kitchen, lounge, carpets throughout, single garage with parking. No PETS

**£495 pcm**

### Wolverhampton Street Darlaston



A deceptively spacious terrace property benefiting from gas central heating, upvc double glazing, alarm system & carpet; offering no upward chain. Briefly comprising reception hall, lounge, dining room, re-fitted kitchen, downstairs bathroom/wc, three good bedrooms & landscaped low-maintenance garden.

**£500 pcm**

### Haywoods Farm West Bromwich



2 bedroom semi detached bungalow on this popular modern development. Much improved with gas central heating and double glazing. Briefly comprising reception hall, cloakroom, lounge, refitted kitchen, bathroom, 2 bedrooms, conservatory, gardens front and rear. Viewing essential.

**£500 pcm**

### Reedwood Lane Walsall



A well presented two bedroom terrace property, situated in a popular location just a short distance from Walsall town centre and with easy access to excellent transport links. The property offers a good standard of accommodation and briefly comprises of 2 reception rooms, Modern fitted kitchen, Downstairs bathroom, Three good size bedrooms, Garden, Dg and Gch. No DSS

**£500 pcm**

### Victoria Street Willenhall



A spacious three bedroom traditional terrace, offering a good location just a short distance from Willenhall town centre and with easy access to excellent transport links. The property offers a good standard of accommodation and briefly comprises of two reception rooms, Modern fitted kitchen, Downstairs bathroom, Three good size bedrooms, Garden, Dg and Gch. No DSS

**£500 pcm**

### New Birmingham Road Oldbury



Well Presented Modern second floor apartment close to local amenities and transport links, having upvc double glazing and gas central heating and briefly comprising: Reception Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen with White Goods, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower and parking space.

**£500 pcm**

### Monkgate Drive West Bromwich



A modern first floor apartment, fully furnished and has the benefit of double glazing and electric heating. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, lounge, kitchen with oven hob and extractor, bathroom with shower over bath wash basin and toilet and two bedrooms. Viewing 0121 525 5520

**£525 pcm**

### Cophall Street Tipton



Modern Semi Detached Bungalow having upvc double glazing, gas central heating, fitted alarm, alarm, briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, conservatory, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, parking area & rear garden.

**£525 pcm**

### Sheridan Street West Bromwich



A spacious mid terrace property with the benefit of central heating and double glazing. The property comprises front reception room, rear reception room, kitchen, ground floor bathroom with shower over bath and three bedrooms. The property also benefits from an enclosed rear garden. DSS ACCEPTED WITH FULL DEPOSIT

**£525 pcm**

### 63-65 Bustleholme Lane West Bromwich



A two bedroom ground floor luxury apartment with the benefit of gas central heating, double glazing, internet security system, communal gardens and off road parking. The property comprises lounge / fitted kitchen with built in oven/hob, lounge, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, Dg and Gch. No DSS

**£525 pcm**

### Walsall Road West Bromwich



A well presented large three bedroom flat, having undergone extensive refurbishment throughout the property and is deceptively spacious. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Fitted kitchen, Three good size bedrooms, Family bathroom, upvc double glazing, accommodation comprises reception hall, 2 reception rooms, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, separate WC, and separate parking. View 0121 525 5520

**£525 pcm**

### Esher Road West Bromwich



A Double Fronted End Terrace House benefiting from Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accommodation comprises Entrance Hall, Through Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Separate WC, Gardens to Front & Rear and Off Road Parking.

**£525 pcm**

### Halfords Lane West Bromwich



A well maintained 3 bedroom middle terrace house with gas central heating and double glazing - the property comprises, lounge, fitted kitchen/ dining room, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, off road and enclosed rear garden. View 0121 525 5520

**£525 pcm**

### St Vincent Crescent West Bromwich



2 RECEPTION ROOMS. An almost entirely centrally heated, part double glazed and intruder alarmed End Terrace House. Hall, Through Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Lean to Covered Side Passageway, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Separate WC, Front and rear gardens. Wide frontage.

**£550 pcm**

### Windsor Road Tipton



Improved corner position end town house with UPVC windows & gas central heating, Porch, reception hall, lounge, fitted pine fronted kitchen/dining room with built in oven & hob, 3 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, side driveway, detached side garage & garden. No DSS

**£550 pcm**

### Victoria Street Willenhall



A modern three bedroom two storey town house situated in a popular location just a short distance from Willenhall town centre and with easy access to motorway networks. The property offers a spacious layout and high standard of accommodation and briefly comprises of Lounge, Modern fitted kitchen, Guest WC, Three good size bedrooms with en suite, Rear garden, Dg and Gch. No DSS

**£550 pcm**

### Wellington Road Bilston



Larger style three bedroom semi detached house convenient for Wolverhampton & Bilston metro & bus routes. With gas central heating & double glazing, accommodation comprises reception hall, two reception rooms, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, driveway to front & good sized rear garden.

**£550 pcm**

### St Kenelm's Close West Bromwich



A well presented two bedroom modern detached bungalow, situated in a quiet cul de sac in this popular location the property offers a spacious layout and briefly comprises of Lounge, Modern fitted kitchen, Utility room, Two good size bedrooms, Family bathroom, Private rear garden, Garage and Parking. No DSS

**£595 pcm**

### Rachael Gardens Wednesbury



A spacious three bedroom semi detached property, situated in a popular residential neighbourhood this property benefits from Reception hallway, Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Guest WC, Three good size bedrooms, Family bathroom, Dg and Gch No DSS £550pcm

**£600 pcm**

### Hollyhock Court Wolverhampton



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**£650 pcm**





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## Honeybourne Way, Willenhall



£180,000 **REDUCED**

A four bedroom, two bathroom detached home situated on the popular "Kingfisher" estate. Having been recently reduced this would make an excellent family home. Situated close to Willenhall Town Centre and the Guru Nanak Gurdwara. Offered with no upward chain.

## Hunts Lane, Willenhall



£190,000

A stunning three bedroom detached home further benefitting from two bathrooms. Situated in an extremely sought after location in Short Heath on the "Woodlands" development. A viewing is essential and are arranged by appointment. Call us today and don't miss out!



## Lochalsh Grove, Willenhall



£235,000

A stunning show-home style four bedroom, two bathroom detached home situated on the popular Coppice Farm development. Benefitting from complete refurbishment, there is a conservatory, kitchen and secluded garden. Viewing is highly recommended!



## Pooles Lane, Willenhall



£115,000

**NEW**

A newly refurbished traditional style two bedroom semi-detached home situated on a popular road in Short Heath. Benefitting from two reception rooms, bathroom, a garage and sun room. A viewing is essential! No upward chain!



## Honeybourne Way, Willenhall



£150,000

**NEW**

A three bedroom semi-detached home situated on the popular "Kingfisher" development. Presented in immaculate order with the added benefit of a conservatory. No chain.

## Oaken Drive, Willenhall



£130,000

**NEW**

A two bedroom semi-detached home situated in a cul-de-sac on the "Woodlands" development. Having been extensively improved by the current owner and the further benefit of a conservatory to the rear. Offered with no upward chain.

## Burleigh Close, Willenhall



Offers IEO £130,000

**REDUCED**

A three bedroom semi-detached home situated on a popular cul-de-sac on the Summer Hayes development in Short Heath. Would make a good family home.

## Wolverhampton Road West, Walsall



£200,000

A three bedroom detached bungalow presented in exceptional order throughout with the benefit of a driveway and garage. Offering mature rear garden. No chain

## Memorial Close, Willenhall



£150,000

Four bedroom semi-detached home situated in a cul-de-sac location on a popular modern development in Willenhall. Lounge, dining room, conservatory and garage. No chain

## Eaton Rise, Willenhall



£180,000

Four bedroom detached bungalow briefly comprising of a lounge, kitchen/diner, utility, bathroom, garage, rear garden, double glazing and central heating.

## Watkins Road, Willenhall



£145,000

**REDUCED**

An extended three bedroom semi-detached property. Comprising of a lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility, study, bathroom, rear garden, double glazing and central heating.

## Pooles Lane, Willenhall



Offers in Region of £140,000

A three bedroom semi-detached comprising lounge, kitchen/family room, utility room, bathroom and rear garden. Viewing highly recommended

## Canterbury Avenue, Willenhall



£90,000

**NEW**

A well presented two bedroom terraced home situated on a popular road in Willenhall. Ideally located Willenhall Town Centre & the Gurdwara. Having been extensively improved by the current owners.

## Kings Hill Mews, Darlaston Road



£50,000

A well presented one bedroom top floor flat with many character styling features and views across Wednesbury. Presented in immaculate order. Also benefitting from two allocated parking spaces.

## Neachells Court, Willenhall Road



£60,000

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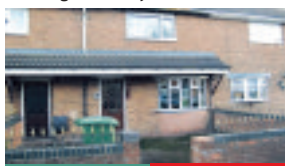


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## Mighty Mercedes puts the capital E into epic

THE WORD 'epic' is probably overused these days, and most of the time the context in which it's used lacks gravitas.

Step into the world of the CLS63 AMG, though, and you remember what the word is there for. For a start, it's just about five metres long and, fitted with AMG wheels and body styling, it's a beast.

Yes the saloon boot is huge, and yes it's a practical and safe Mercedes, but there are more than a few exterior touches – cue four exhausts through which the most breathtaking noise escapes – that really get the juices flowing.

The AMG division has always prided itself on making its cars sound incredible.

The 6.2-litre naturally aspirated V8 engine, one of the best-sounding engines ever made and still available in the C63 AMG and SLS AMG, has been replaced by a 5.5-litre twin-turbocharged unit.

It's technically for the sake of emissions and fuel economy, both of which have been improved a lot by the switch, but the bottom line when you tick the option box marked 'AMG Performance Package' is

By Matt Kimberley

that power stands at 550bhp, along with an incredible 800NM of torque – that's 590lb.ft in old money. As standard the figures are 518bhp and 516lb.ft.

The noise is equally amazing. Inside the car the occupants, up to four people, hear a muted V8 rumble. But anyone outside it – especially behind it – is treated to a thunderously loud, effortlessly deep and gloriously exciting cacophony from the exhausts, punctuated by pops and crackles when the driver lifts off the throttle.

### Celebrated

It's less hard-edged than that of the older 6.2, but boy is it still a noise to be celebrated.

The model I tested had been kitted out with an astonishing amount of options, some of which make more sense than others.

The AMG Performance package is great, but expensive at around £6,500, while the paint alone, from the special 'designo' catalogue, costs £4,500. It's lovely, but not

that different from standard metallic to untrained eyes.

In fact, this car, which costs more than £26,000 to begin with, had a total of £26,000 worth of extras, taking the final asking price comfortably into six figures.

It's really got to justify those kinds of numbers, so let's start with performance.

If you have a disused airfield handy, the performance is, well, epic. Even if the tarmac is dry, in temperatures around freezing the rear wheels will spin if you push the throttle hard.

Keep it pinned and you'll get violent and relentless acceleration, right up to a point at Autobahn-only speeds where your fear reflexes overtake your willpower, or you hit the 155mph speed limiter.

Inside the cabin it's good news for whoever wrote the cheque, because the build quality and standard of materials is outstanding; thoroughly worthy of an £80,000 car.

Almost infinitely adjustable heated and cooled leather seats are an optional extra well worth going for. As far as luxurious places to sit go, the CLS63 with its leather-trimmed dashboard and suede-covered

pillars is up there with the finest. But amid all this desperately desirable luxury, it's still a practical Mercedes. The COMAND multimedia system is among the easiest and most enjoyable to use, even if the menu tabs do look a little dated.

The ride is generally good, given the size of the wheels.

### Performers

It doesn't like sharp bumps, such as sunken manhole covers, but at high speed its not inconsiderable weight is controlled really very well. Thankfully the brakes are also top performers.

Leg room for rear passengers is as abundant as they could wish for this side of a long-wheelbase S-Class limousine. It's a thoroughly comfortable environment to relax in while the lucky driver enjoys him or herself. The boot will swallow four people's luggage greedily, whether it's golf clubs or suitcases. The thing is, with such a well-equipped car packed with options as this one is, any shortfalls are obvious.

The standard stereo unit is good, but it somehow lacks the punch to match the visual and accelerative impacts the car makes. Better to upgrade to the Harman Kardon system, which with a few tweaks among the settings offers top-drawer sound quality.

Everything about the CLS63 AMG is epic.



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network in the jargon. This wasn't complete exemption though and the BER included clauses protecting consumer rights regarding service and repair.

## Instructions

The BER were introduced in 1995 and then updated at the end of 2002. One specific requirement of the Regulations was that technical data and repair instructions should be made available to the independent motor trade (for which manufacturers could make a reasonable charge) so that car owners were not obliged to take their car to a franchised dealer for service or repair. This also ensured that data was available to motoring organisations like the AA to enable us to fix cars at the roadside. By the time the BER were next due for renewal in 2010, the new car exhaust emissions regulations had been agreed for 'Euro 5' and 'Euro 6'.

These set the limits for a number of exhaust-born toxins, including particulate matter (soot) but also specified that manufacturers must make technical data and repair information available to the independent trade.

The EU initially took the view that with access to technical information covered by Euro 5 and 6 Regulations and the motor industry generally working well, there was no need to renew BER.



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## The right to repair

UNFORTUNATELY the Euro 5 and 6 Regulations only guaranteed the availability of technical data and repair information for cars first registered after 2009.

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The independent 'Right to Repair Campaign' eventually succeeded in having the Block Exemption Regulations renewed and improved. This ensured that technical data and workshop procedures remained available.

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## Servicing a new car

CHANGES to the BER in 2002 included clauses intended to increase choice when it comes to servicing of a new car. You cannot be obliged for an example as a condition of warranty, to have your car serviced by a franchised dealer.

Other changes at that time permitted multi-brand showrooms and no longer obliged dealers to combine sales and service/repair – though most have continued to do so.

The work can be carried out by an independent garage as long as that garage uses manufacturer approved parts and correctly follows the manufacturer's service schedule. Independent garages generally have much lower overheads than franchised dealers so their hourly labour rate is also cheaper.

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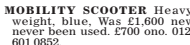
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**Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995**

**11/1518/FL**  
Mr M Haif

Change of use to hot food takeaway and delivery  
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Mr John Warke

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AT: 12 MULBERRY PLACE, WALSALL, WS3 2NF

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## Bloxwich sunk by quick trio of goals

BLOXWICH men's hockey firsts had key players missing for their first match of 2012 and were beaten 8-2 at Redditch despite leading at the interval.

They started well against a strong side, Matt Baldwin beating two players on the wing and setting up Adam Baldwin to tap in from close range.

Adam Baldwin then went close after going one-on-one with the keeper, putting his shot inches wide to leave the score 1-0 at half-time.

After the break Redditch were quickly out the blocks to score three goals which sank Bloxwich.

Defensive mistakes and what the visitors regarded as some strange umpiring decisions made the scoreline more flattering for the home team.

Phil Ascroft pulled a late goal back but the damage was already done.

The seconds, top of the table after the Christmas break, enjoyed better fortune with a 5-2 home win over second-placed Market Drayton.

Bloxwich started briskly, cutting out a Drayton hit from defence and seeing Dan Steatham slot the ball home to go one up in the first minute.

Another from Steatham and one for Liam Brazier put Bloxwich 3-0 ahead within 20 minutes.

They should probably have made it four but did not convert the chances and Drayton grabbed a goal just before half-time.

They got another shortly afterwards to bring it back to 3-2 and put pressure on the Bloxwich defence. But Bloxwich withstood it and scored two breakaway goals, a second for Brazier and third for Steatham, to assert themselves at the top of the league.

## Frozen pitch sees game called off

WOLVES Women's scheduled league game at Loughborough fell victim to a frozen pitch on Sunday.

They remain on target for promotion and are currently third, five points behind top-placed Stoke City, but with four games in hand.

The league will have to wait though, because on Sunday Wolves take on local rivals Sporting Club Albion in the quarter-finals of the Birmingham County Cup at Halesowen Town FC (1pm).

# Taylor made for United with injury time winner

LEON TAYLOR'S predatory strike in injury time earned Bloxwich a dramatic Midlands Combination Premier Division victory at Brocton.

The visitors went in front after 20 minutes thanks to a Mark Wooldridge shot from the edge of the box.

But the home side levelled and then pushed on in search of a winner only for Taylor to make the vital contribution for Bloxwich.

A moment's indecision on 10 minutes summed up how this match was set to continue as Matt Skinner was closed down and his eventual pass cut out.

Brocton were immediately in trouble as Taylor and Wooldridge combined to set up a

## Brocton 1 Bloxwich Utd 2

shooting opportunity for the latter.

In the event Wooldridge shot wide, but it was a let-off for the hosts.

A similar mix-up gave Taylor another opportunity, which Skinner snuffed out with a well-timed tackle.

Just as Brocton looked to have weathered the early storm, Sam Bell cushioned the ball on the edge of his own box, but could not prevent it from presenting Wooldridge with another golden opportunity.

The shot was misfired as it came to him quickly, but it looped up and in off the post to give the visitors the lead.

Sam Fleming broke from the back on the

half-hour and, although he was tripped, he had played the ball forward for Bell and a good advantage was played.

Bell did well to cut inside but could not get enough on the ball to get it past keeper Gavin Ellis.

Gary Fife worked himself a good shooting position but could only put his effort just wide of the post.

With Joe Pickering and Mick Fox added to the striking line-up in the second period, Brocton looked much livelier and within minutes of the restart Dan Lomas hit the post with a powerful header from a Dave Berks cross.

Then Pickering got through on goal only to shoot wide under pressure and Fox was

one-on-one with the keeper, albeit with a defender leaning on him, after a huge kick from Adam Whitehouse's hands.

The ball was smuggled away from Fox as he tried to tee up a shot.

The pressure from the home side was building and Fox found Fife to head over before a Jamie Evans free-kick was flicked on by Fife for Berks to volley home.

Brocton clearly believed that they could go on and win, with Richard Miller further strengthening their attacking options.

But with seconds remaining, a suicidal pass at the back gave Bloxwich a three-on-one situation and Taylor showed no mercy to advance and slide the ball past Whitehouse.

## Scoreline is harsh due to late tries

BURNTWOOD conceded 12 points in the last two minutes to lose 40-10 at Stafford – a scoreline which was harsh on the visitors.

The hosts were clearly the better team, particularly before the break in this SSE Midlands 2 West North clash, but the visitors drew a blank in the second half despite spending a lot of time in Stafford territory.

Stafford dominated the opening quarter and scored a try after six minutes.

It needed a good tackle by Craig Seedhouse to deny a second nine minutes later.

Winger Mitch Adams emerged groggy from another heavy tackle and was replaced by Dan Thornton.

The Stafford scrum proved strong and it led to their second try far out on 18 minutes. A fine conversion put them 12 points up.

Burntwood hit back with a Matt Wood try, which he converted.

A Seedhouse dropped goal was their only other score as Stafford finished the half with a 23-10 lead thanks to another try and penalty.

Despite Burntwood pressure, Stafford scored three tries after the break, including two in the final minutes. The last was converted.

## Strength of pack makes a difference

FORWARD power proved the key as Aldridge rugby club took a 13-0 home win over Birmingham Barbarians.

Aldridge always looked the more likely to prevail in this Midlands 5 West (North) but it took them an inordinately long time to breakdown a feisty Ba Bas' defence.

The home team exerted plenty of pressure without being able to make the final yard to the try line but a try from fly-half Kenny Carter late in the first half eventually provided the breakthrough.

Scrum-half Mark Large added the extra points.

In a fractious second half Aldridge withstood a spirited fightback from the visitors and widened the margin further with a penalty from winger Alex Yates and a spectacular long-range penalty from Large.

## Brentford 0 Walsall 0

WALSALL put their shirt on record-breaker Jimmy Walker – and the keeper did not disappoint.

The Saddlers paid special tribute to the goalkeeper making his record-breaking 530th game by wearing "Size isn't everything" T-shirts in the warm-up.

The shirts, organised by captain Andy Butler and referring both to the goalkeeper's height and title of his autobiography, indicated it was Walker's day as he became the club's outright record appearance holder.

And, after Saturday's forgettable goalless draw at Brentford, the sub-plot of his achievement took centre stage.

Proud, honoured and humbled were just a few of the words Walker used to describe his monumental achievement as he topped Colin Harrison at the top of the charts, writes Nick Mashiter.

It was history in the making and will never be beaten. The 243 Saddlers fans who made the trip, most for Walker rather than the game, saw something very special.

Manager Dean Smith is trying to slam shut the revolving door at Walsall but, regardless, Walker will stand alone – his record set in stone.

The 38-year-old is inextricably linked to the club, his name synonymous with the Saddlers and is one of their greats.

Walker, effervescent as always in post-match dispatches, deserves the plaudits, the honour and the record after his long service.

He joked afterwards he's expecting a statue – like Thierry Henry – outside the Banks's sooner rather than later.

If Walsall could, they would as Walker is revered after almost two decades – with a break in the middle – of service.

He didn't have to return in 2010 but he did. He didn't have to sign a new contract



Walsall's players don special T-shirts to mark record-breaking keeper Jimmy Walker's 530th appearance for the Saddlers

for this season but he did. The record is his but it was not his motivation. His deep love for the club, his profound connection, has driven him towards this Indian summer.

Walker was part of the Saddlers' golden era – winning three promotions and enjoying four seasons in the Championship – which seems unreachable now.

The remit this season is to stay in League One and, with Walker between the sticks, Walsall have every chance.

He is part of a defence which is the eighth-best in the division. There has never been an issue with the Saddlers' rearguard, it's the meek attack which is the problem.

That he kept a clean sheet was fitting but, in truth, the golden oldie had little to do aside from a textbook stop to deny Clayton Donaldson, after the striker raced clean through in the second-half. Well shielded by

the excellent Manny Smith and Andy Butler, Walker was often reduced to catching practice.

Bees goalkeeper Simon Moore did well to keep out Jon Macken's effort just before the break and he would have been relieved to see Alex Nicholls fluff his lines twice late on.

Nicholls should have capped a promising, if incomplete, performance with a goal and therein lies the Saddlers' problem.

Just 25 goals in 26 games is the second-worst in the league. They have a solid base to build on but not enough to back it up.

They are out of the drop zone on goal difference – thanks to Walker and his sturdy defence – and are the division's draw specialists with 12.

There is no doubt they are hard to beat but, with just four league victories all season, they are finding it tough to win. Satur-

day's point is, on paper, a decent result and the Saddlers proved once again they can compete.

But competing is no longer enough, they must be better and make the chances count against sides as average as the Bees. All the back-slapping after gritty draws will look foolish should they succumb to relegation.

This was a game they could have easily won after recovering from a slow start.

Macken should have scored before the break but, on two occasions, Mat Sadler and Walker needed to be precise to stop Donaldson after he broke clear.

Brentford, eighth in League One, looked anything but play-off contenders as the Saddlers coped with muted second-half threats.

But it was Walker's day and it is his record. An inspiration for so many years, the Saddlers must hope he continues to be.

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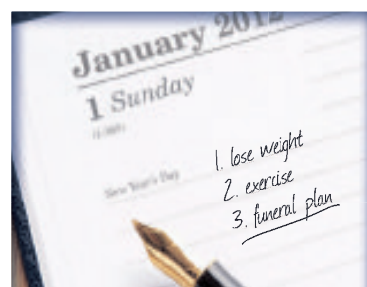
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## Wood's kicks not enough in defeat

WALSALL rugby club fell to a disappointing 37-18 defeat at Burton.

Although they improved in some respects over the previous week's error-strewn performance, they were still guilty of making several basic errors which eventually saw them lose at Peel Croft.

The early stages saw the visitors try to dictate but they still missed tackles and failed to hold on to passes.

Burton, in contrast, ensured that their defence and ball retention was of a high standard throughout.

The hosts got the early scores with two Archer penalties.

Walsall mistakes in the opposition 22 allowed Burton to counter attack and a try from prop Birt.

The visitors then produced a sustained period of attacking rugby to put the home defence under pressure and the dependable Matt Wood converted two well-struck penalties.

But the first half ended in a disappointing fashion for Walsall when Wood had his kicked charged down and Archer collected the ball to score near the corner flag.

The first quarter of the second half saw Walsall produce their best rugby with fine running and support play.

With the opposition under constant pressure, they conceded penalties. Wood maintained his impeccable kicking record with another three penalties.

A long clearance kick put the visitors under pressure and winger Archer scored.

Walsall came back with Halbert, Hickman and the Fitzgerald brothers producing good ball carries.

Wood put over his sixth penalty but as the visitors tried to overturn the deficit they lost possession and Burton scored twice through centre Brooks.

## Ball edges closer to fight for title

WEST MIDLANDS boxer Jamie Ball has been lined up for an English title eliminator on West Midlands soil against Birmingham's Nasser Al Harbi.

Promoter Dave Coldwell has won the purse bids to stage the fight.

The two light middleweights could clash in Birmingham.

A Coldwell bill at the New Bingley Hall is scheduled for March 16 and the bout could be named chief support.

## Wilkes goal caps fine fightback by Olympic

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Kitching's side when a low centre from the right picked out O'Connell and he had time to fire past Chris Gemmell.

On the stroke of half-time Adaggio brilliantly held the ball up, wrestling off the attentions of his marker, before laying a pass off to Alex Melbourne.

The wideman advanced and curled a shot that home keeper Damon Clarke did well to save.

The visitors made a change at the break with Ahmed Obeng replacing Louis Keenan.

In the 53rd minute a useful deep corner from the left by Melbourne was drilled goalwards by Obeng, only to see Clarke save just as Christian Dacres was about to rifle in from close range.

Just past the hour mark, Mitchell Tolley's free-kick from the right just inside Sports' territory yielded another penalty appeal for hand ball.

Olympic made a double substitution on 62 minutes as Fitzpatrick and Adaggio were sacrificed for Richard Blythe and Alan

Wilkes. After 68 minutes the Pics were awarded a penalty for handball against Nick Wood and Tolley sent Clark the wrong way from the spot.

Straight from the restart Obeng got the better of Wood and drilled a venomous strike from the edge of the box just wide.

In the third minute of injury time Rushall capped a well deserved fightback as Obeng worked his magic on the right side of the box, delivering a centre that deflected upwards off a defender.

As the ball looped towards the far post Wilkes anticipated its path and darted in to provide the crucial finish from close range.

## Lockmen so close to huge upset

WILLENHALL gave title-chasing Westfields a shock after staging arguably the fightback of the season, only for a late goal to kill their hopes as they lost 6-3.

Willenhall, 5-0 down just past the hour mark, roared back with three goals and had further chances before Richard Kear's strike settled Westfields' nerves.

Earlier, Craig Jones for the home side and Danico Johnson twice for the visitors went close to opening the scoring but Westfields then ramped up the pressure.

Visiting keeper Liam Flynn made two flying saves before the dam burst as a free-kick was bent home by Jones on 41 minutes.

Three minutes later a disputed penalty saw Anthony Robbins give the home side a two-goal lead.

A lightning break down the right by Westfields on 48 minutes saw an unmarked Sam Gwynne sweep home the third before Jamie Cuss netted 11 minutes later.

Westfields grabbed their fifth goal in 20 minutes just past the hour when Jones picked up a loose pass just inside the Willenhall half and he burst forward before hammering the ball across an exposed Flynn and into the corner.

However, the comeback began three minutes later when Tobias Dingwall found Johnson whose fierce shot took a deflection which lifted the ball beyond the keeper.

Skipper Jamal Fuller then burst down the left and fed Johnson whose cross was poked home at the second attempt by emergency striker Joe Lyng on 68 minutes.

Five minutes later a deflected free-kick into the box was prodded home by Lyng, but Kear sealed the points for the hosts with another six minutes from time.

## Phillpot scores twice in victory

BROWNHILLS Community Colts lost 3-0 away to Hedgesford United Girls U14.

Jess Fowler opened the scoring in the first half for improving Hedgesford.

Charli Phillpot scored both of the second-half goals.

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# WE WILL STAY UP, DECLARES WACKA

**RECORD-BREAKING Walsall star Jimmy Walker is backing the Saddlers to stay up – and is wondering playfully about his chances of a Thierry Henry-style statue at the Banks' Stadium.**

Keeper Walker broke the club's appearance record when making his 530th Saddlers outing to displace Colin Harrison at the top of the chart in Saturday's 0-0 draw with Brentford which kept Walsall out of the League One drop zone on goal difference.

The result left them level on points with fourth-bottom Yeovil and sixth-bottom Scunthorpe and Walker insisted he doesn't want his achievement tarnished by relegation.

He said: "It is a bit too close for comfort, but it's hard league. You've got to battle for every point and take every minute on board. "Every point is precious, we're digging in and we'll be all right."

"We've threatened a few times. We've won one and gone on and thought 'this is the start of the season' but it's not quite happened."

"We've had one step forward and two back."

"But we know we're close and if we keep working as hard as we can we'll pull away."

"We knew what we had to do but, as nice as the occasion was for me, as soon as the whistle goes you want to do your best and win the game."

The 38-year-old kept out Marcus Bean and Clayton Donaldson in a low-key outing to mark his milestone.

But he admitted he revelled in the record after his team-mates put on a T-shirt tribute in the warm-up.

"I hadn't got a clue, the lads are that tight I didn't think they were going to do anything," he joked.

"Everyone had one on though, the gaffer and Bill (Jones) too it was good banter and I've nicked a couple."

"I'm honoured and privileged to have the record. I've had some lovely messages, especially now I'm involved in this Twitter business. I

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don't know what I'm doing on it but thanks to everyone. "I wouldn't even know about the record if I wasn't on Twitter."

"I caned it at the start of the season and said to the lads 'I can't believe you're on it, it's disgraceful' but now I'm on it."

"I've not got a clue what I'm doing but I love it. The fans made a long journey and it means a lot."

"I've also heard a few mentions of a statue – like Henry at the Emirates."

"I can't see it though, it's not got the same look to it has it?"

### Deserved

Saddlers manager Dean Smith hailed Walsall's resilience at Brentford but admitted he was disappointed for Walker that it had not been won.

Smith insisted they deserved their battling point at Griffin Park as Walker cemented his place in Saddlers history.

"We never looked like conceding but it's unfortunate we didn't get the goal we wanted," Smith said.

"Wacka deserved his clean sheet and it would have been nice to have won it for him but it's still a great achievement from him. For him, it was perfect in the sense we

didn't concede but he did what he needed to do."

"It could have been three points but we're playing very well at the moment. Our performance levels are good and I'm really pleased with how we're going."

But Smith conceded that the Saddlers had the chances to win after Jon Macken was denied by Simon Moore and Alex Nicholls squandered two late openings.

Smith said: "That was the only thing which was missing. We looked a threat with Alex getting in behind and Jamie Paterson came into it in the second half."

The boss wants to add to his squad in the transfer window to aid the Saddlers' fight against the drop.

He has been linked with a loan move for Southampton's Jonathan Forte and former Blues midfielder Darren Carter, a free agent after leaving Preston in the summer.

He is in talks with several players but admitted patience is a virtue in the transfer scramble.

"We're trying to move now, we're speaking to people all the time but you just have to make enquiries and wait for them to get back," he said.



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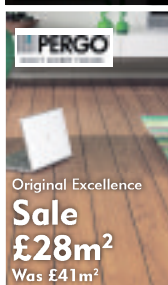


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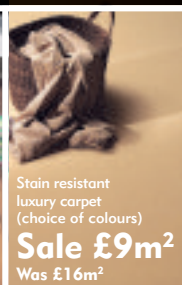
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